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NÆ ELIZABETHÆ.

# A THE Parliament hol

den at Westmynster, the xii. of January, in the fifth yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Ladye, Elizabeth by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Ireland, Quene, defendour of the Faith, &c.

To the hyghe pleasure of Almyghty God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

Anno. 1563.

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# AN ACTE for thassurance of the Queenes Maiesties royall power ouer all states and subiectes within her dominions.

## The first Chapter.

FOr preseruatiõ of the Queenes moste excellent highnes, her heyres and successours, and the dignitie of the imperial crowne of this Realme of Englande, and for auoydinge bothe of suche hurtes, perilles, dishonoures, and inconueniences as haue before time befallen, aswell to the Queenes Maiesties noble progenitoures kinges of this Realme, as for the whole estate thereof, by meanes of the iurisdiction and power of the See of Rome, vniustlye claymed and vsurped within this Realme and the dominions thereof, and also of the daungers by the fawters of the sayde vsurped power, at this time growen to maruelous outrage and licentious boldenes: and nowe requiring more sharpe restraint and correction of lawes, then hitherto in the time of the Queenes Maiesties most milde and mercifull reigne haue bene had, vsed, or established.

Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established, by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, and the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that if anye person or persons, dwellinge, inhabitinge or resiaunt within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes dominions, seignories or countries, or in the Marches of the same, or els where, within or vnder her obeysaunce and power, of what estate, dignitie, preheminence, order, degree, or condition, soeuer he or they be, after the first day of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God. M.D.lviii. shall by writinge, Cipheringe, printing, preaching or teaching, dede or acte, aduisedlye, and wittingly, holde or stande with, to extoll, sette forthe, maintaine or defende the auctheritie, iurisdiction, or power of the Bishoppe of Rome, or of his See, heretofore claymed, vsed, or vsurped, within this Realme, or in any dominion or contrey, beinge of, within, or vnder the Queenes power or obeysaunce, or by any speache, open dede, or acte, aduisedly and wittinglye attribute anye suche maner of iurisdiction, auctoritie, or preeminence to the saide See of Rome,

or to any Bishop of the same See, for the time being, within this Realme, or in any the Quenes dominions or countreys: that then euery such person or persons, so doyng or offending, their abetters, procurers, and counsellers, and also their ayders, assistentes, and comforters, vpon purpose, and to thintent to set forth, further, and extoll the saide vsurped power, authoritie, or iurisdiction, of any of the saide Bishop or Bishoppes of Rome, and euery of them, beynge therof lawfully indited or presented within one yere next after any suche offences by him or them committed, and being lawfully conuicted or attainted, at any time after, according to the lawes of this Realme, for euery such default and offence, shall incurre into the daungers, penalties, paines, and forfaitures, ordeyned and prouided by the Statute of prouision and premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the reigne of king Richard the second.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that aswell Justices of Assise in their circuites, as Justices of Peace within the limittes of their Commission and authorities, or two of euerye such Justices of the peace at the least, whereof one to be of the *Quorum* shall haue full power and authoritye by vertue of thys Acte in their quarter or open sessions, to enquire of all offences, contemptes and transgressions perpetrated, committed, or done, contrarye to the true meaning of the premisses, in lyke maner and fourme as they may of other offences against the Quenes peace, and shall certifie euery presentment afore them or any of them, had or made concerning the same, or any part therof, before the Queene, her heyres, and successours, in her or their courte commonly called the kinges Bench, within .xl. daies next after any suche presentment hadde or made, if the Terme be then open, and if not, at the fyrste daye of the full Terme next folowing the said .xl. dayes, vpon paine that euery of the Justiciers of Assise, or Justiciers of the peace, before whom such presentment shalbe made, making default of suche certificate contrarye to this Statute, to lose and forfaite for euerye suche default one hundreth poundes to the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours.

And it is enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of the kinges Benche, aswell vpon euerye suche certificate, as by enquyrie before them selues within the limittes of their authorities, shall haue full power and authoritie to heare, order, and determine euery such offence done or committed, contrary to the true meaning of this presente acte, accordinge to the lawes of this Realme, in such like maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as if the person or persons against whom anye presentmente shalbe had vpon this estatute, had bene presented vpon any matter

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or offence expressed in the saide statute, made in the saide .xvi. yere of king Richarde the seconde.

And moreouer, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that aswell all maner of persons, expressed and appointed, in, and by the Act made in the first yere of the Quenes Maiesties reigne that nowe is, intituled (an Acte restoring to the Crowne the auncient iurisdiction ouer the estate Ecclesiasticall and Spiritual, and abolishinge all forreyne powers repugnaunt to the same) to take the othe expressed and set forth in the same, as all other persons whiche haue taken or shall take orders, commonlye called *ordines sacros*, or Ecclesiasticall orders, haue bene or shalbe promoted, preferred, or admitted to any degree of learning, in anye vniuersitie within this Realme, or dominions to the same belonging, and all Scholemasters, and publike and priuate teachers of children, as also all maner of person and persons that haue taken, or hereafter shall take any degree of learning in, or at the common lawes of this Realme, aswell Vtterbarresters, as Benchers, Readers, Auncientes in anye house or houses of Court, and all principall Treasurers, and suche as be of the graund compani in euery Inne of Chauncery, and all Atturneys, Prothonotaries, and Philizers towards the lawes of this Realme, and all maner of Sheriffes, Escheatours, and Feodaries, and all other person and persons which haue taken, or shall take vpon him or them, or haue ben, and shalbe admitted to any ministery or office, in, at, or belonginge to the common lawe, or anye other lawe or lawes, or to, or for the execution of them, or anye of them, vsed or alowed, or at any time hereafter to be vsed or alowed within this Realme, or any of the dominions or countryes belonging, or which hereafter shall happen to belonge to the Crowne or dignitie of the same, and all other officers or ministers, of, or towardes any Court, whatsoeuer and euery of them: shall take and pronounce a corporall oth vpon the Euangelistes, before he or they shalbe admitted, alowed, or suffred to take vppon him or them to vse, exercise, supplye, or occupye anye suche vocation, office, degree, ministerye, roume, or seruice, as is aforesayde, and that in the open court whervnto he doth or shall serue or belonge. And if he or they do not or shall not serue or belong to any ordinarie or open Courte, then he or they shall take and pronounce the othe aforesayde, in an open place before a conuenient assemble to witnesse the same, and before such person or persons as haue or shall haue auctoritie by common vse or otherwise, to admitte or call anye suche person or persons as is aforesayde, to anye suche vocation, office, ministerye, roume or seruice: or els before suche person or persons, as by the Quenes highnes, her heyres, or successours, by Commission vnder

the great Seale of England shalbe named or alligned, to accepte & take the same, according to the tenour, effecte, & fourme of the same othe, *verbatim*, which is, and as it is alredy set forth, to be taken in the foreſaid Act made in the first yere of the Quenes Maiesties reigne.

And also be it enacted by the aucthorite of this presente Parliament, that euery Archbishop and Bishop, within this Realme and dominions of the same, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to tender or minister the othe aforesayd, to euery or any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall person within theyr proper dioces, aswell in places and iurisdictions exempt, as els where.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Lorde Chauncellour or keper of the great Seale of England for the time being, shall and may at all times hereafter, by vertue of this Acte without further warraunt, make and direct Commission or Commissions, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to any person or persons, geuing them or some of them therby aucthority to tender and minister the Othe aforesayde, to such person or persons as by the aforesayde Commission or Commissions, the sayde Commissioners shalbe auctharised to tender the same othe vnto.

And be it also further enacted by thauctharitie of this presente Parliament, that if any person or persons, appointed or compellable by this Acte, or by the saide Acte made in the sayde fyfte yere to take the saide othe, or if any person or persons, to whom the saide othe by any such Commission or Commissions, shalbe limitted and appointed, to be tendred as is aforesaide, do or shall at the tyme of the sayde othe so tendred, refuse to take or pronounce the sayd othe, in maner and fourme aforesayde: that then the partie so refusing, and being thereof lawefullye indited or presented, within one yere next after any such refusall, and conuicted or attainted at any time after, according to the lawes of this Realme, shal suffer and incurre the daungers, penalties, paines, and forfeytures ordeyned and prouided by the statute of prouision and premunire aforesaid, made in the. xvi. yere of the reygne of king Richarde the second.

And furthermore, be it enacted by thauctharitie aforesaid, that all and euery such person and persons, hauing auctharitie to tender the oth aforesaid, shall within. xl. daies nexte after suche refusall or refusals of the said othe, if the Terme be then open, and yf not then at the first daye of the full Terme next folowing the sayde. xl. daies, make true certificat vnder his or theyr seale or seales, of the names, places, and degrees of the person or persons so refusing the same othe, before the Quene, her heires or Succeſſours, in her or their court commonly called the kinges Benche, vppon payne that euery of the said persons, hauing such auctharitie to tender the said

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othe, making default of such certificat, shall for euery such default, forfaite. C. li. to the Quenes highnes, her heires, or successours. And that the Sheriffe of the countie, where the said court cõmonly called the kinges Benche, shall for the time be holden, shall or may by vertue of this Act, empanel a Jury of the same countie, to enquyre of, & vpon euery such refusall & refusals: which Jurye shall or may, vpon euery such certificat & other euidence to them in that behalfe to be geuen by vertue of this Act, proceede to endite the person and persons so offending, in such sort and degre, to al intentes & purposes, as the same Jury may do of any offence or offences against the Quenes Maiesties peace, perpetrated, cõmitted or done within the same County, of, and for the which the same Jury is so impanelled.

And for stronger defence and mainteinaunce of this Acte: It is further ordeined, enacted, & established by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if any such offendour or offendours, as is aforesaide, of the first part or braunche of this statute, that is to say, by wryting, ciphering, printing, preaching, or teaching, dede, or acte, aduisedly and wittingly, holde or stande with, to extoll, set foorthe, maintaine, or defend, the auctoritie, iurisdictiõ or power of the Bishop of Rome, or of his See, heretofore claimed, vsed, or vsurped, within this Realme, or in any dominion or countrey, being of, within, or vnder the Quenes power or obeysaunce: or by any speche, open dede or acte, aduisedly & wittingly attribute any such maner of iurisdiction, auctoritie, or preeminence to the saide See of Rome, or to any Bishop of the same See for the time being, within this Realme, or in any the Quenes dominions or coũtries, or be to any suche offendour or offendours, abetting, procuring, or counselling, or aydinge, assisting, or comforting, vpon purpose and to the intent to set forth, further, & extoll the said vsurped power, auctoritie, or iurisdiction, after such conuiction & attendour, as is aforesaid, do eftsones commit or do the saide offences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforesaid, and be therof duly conuicted & attainted, as is aforesaid, and also, that if any the persons abour named, and appointed by this Acte to take the othe aforesaide, do after the space of three monethes next after the first tendour therof, the seconde time refuse to take & pronounce, or do not take or pronounce the same, in fourme aforesaid, to be tendered: that then euery such offendour and offendours, for the same second offence & offences, shall forfaite, lose, and suffer such like, and the same paines, forfaitures, iudgemente, and execution, as is vsed in cases of high treason.

Prouided alwaies, that this Act nor any thing therin conteined, nor any attendour to be had by force & vertue of this Act, shall not extende to make any corruption of bloud, the disheriting of anye heyre, forfaiture of dower, nor to the preiudice of the righte or tytle

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of any person or persons, other then the right or title of the offendour or offendours, during his, her, or their naturall liues onelye. And that it shall and may be lawfull to euery person and persons, to whom the right or interest of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, after the death of any suche offendour or offendoures should or might haue appertained; yt no such offendour had bene to enter into the same without anye Ouster le maine to be sued in such sort as he or they might haue done if this Acte had neuer bene had ne made.

Prouided also, that the othe expressed in the sayde Acte made in the sayde firste yere, shalbe taken and expounded in such fourme as is sette forth in an admonition annexed to the Quenes Maiesties Iniunctions, published in the firste yere of her Maiesties reigne, that is to saye, to confesse and acknowledge in her Maiestie, her heyres and successours, none other authoritie, then that was challenged and lately vsed by the noble king Henry the eight, and king Edwarde the first, as in the sayde Admonition more plainely maye appeare.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that this Acte shalbe openly read and published, and declared at euerye quarter Sessions by the Clarke of the peace, and at euery Lete and Lawe day by the Steward of the Court, and once in euery Terme in the open hall of euery house and houses of Courte and Chauncerye, at the times and by the persons therevnto to be limitted and appointed by the Lorde Chauncelour or Keper of the great Seale for the tyme being.

And be it further enacted, that euery person, whiche hereafter shalbe elected or appointed a Knight, Citezen, or Burgesse, or Baron for any of the fiue portes, for any Parliament or Parliamentes hereafter to be holden: shall from henceforth before he shall enter into the Parliament house, or haue any voice there, openly receaue and pronounce the sayde othe before the Lord Stewarde for the time beinge, or his deputie or deputies for that time to be appointed. And that he which shall enter into the Parliamente house without taking the sayde othe, shalbe deme no Knight, Citezen, Burgesse, nor Baron for that Parliamente, nor shall haue anye voyce: But shalbe to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf he had neuer bene returned nor elected Knight, Citezen, Burgesse, or Baron for that Parliament, and shall suffer suche paynes and penalties, as if he had presumed to sitte in the same without election, returne, or authoritie.

Prouided alway, that forasmuch as the Quenes Maiestie is otherwise sufficiently assured of the faith and loyaltie of the Tem-

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porall Lordes of her high court of Parliament: therefore this Acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to compell anye Temporall person, of, or aboue the degree of a Baron of this Realme, to take or pronounce the Othe abouesayde, nor to incurre any penaltie limitted by this Acte, for not taking or refusinge the same: Anye thing in this Acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that charitable geuing of reasonable almes to anye of the offendoure or offendours aboue specifyed, without fraude or couine, shall not be taken or interpreted to be any such abetment, procuring, counselling, aiding, assisting or comforting, as thereby the geuer of suche almes shall incurre any paine, penaltie, or forfaiture appointed in this Acte.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this presente Parliament, that if any peere of this Realme shall hereafter offend contrary to this Acte, or any braunche or article therof, that in that and all such case and cases, they shalbe tried in their peeres, in such maner and fourme as in other cases of treasons they haue vsed to be tried, and by none other meanes.

Prouided also further and be it enacted, that no person shalbe compelled by vertue of this acte, to take the oth aboue mentioned, at or vpon the second time of offering of the same, according to the forme appointed by this statute, excepte the same person had bene, is, or shalbe an ecclesiasticall person, that had, hath, or shal haue in ye time of one of the reignes of the Queenes Maiesties most noble father, brother or sister, or in the time of the reigne of the Quenes Maiesty her heires or Successours, charge, cure, or office in the Churche, or such person or persons as had, hath, or hereafter shal haue any office or misterye in any ecclesiasticall court of this Realme, vnder anye Archbishop or Bishop, in any the times or reignes aforesaid, or such person or persons as shall wilfully refuse to obserue the orders and rites for diuine seruice, that be aucthorised to be vsed and obserued in the Church of England, after that he or they shalbe publikelye by the ordinarye or some of his officers for Ecclesiasticall causes admonished to kepe and obserue the same. Or suche as shall openlye and aduisedly depraue by wordes, writinges, or anye other open facte, any of the rites and Ceremonies at any tyme vsed and aucthorised to be vsed in the Church of Englande. Or that shall saye or heare the priuate Masse prohibited by the lawes of this Realme, and that all suche persons shalbe compellable to take the Oth vpon the second tender or offer of the same, and incurre the penalties for not taking of the sayd othe, and none other.

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And forasmuche as it is doubtfull whether by the lawes of this Realme there be any punishment for such as kill or slea any person or persons attainted in or vpon a præmunire: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that it shall not be lawfull to anye person or persons to slea or kill any person or persons in any maner attainted, or hereafter to be attainted, of, in, or vpon any præmunire, by pretence, reason, or auctoritie of any iudgement geuen or hereafter to be geuen in or vpon the same, or by pretence, reason, or force of any worde or wordes, thinge or thinges conteined or specifyed in anye Statute or lawe of prouision, and præmunire, or in anye of them: Any lawe or statute, or opinion, or exposition of anye lawe or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Sauing alwaies the due execution of all and euerye person and persons attainted or to be attainted for any offence, whereupon iudgement of death nowe is, or ought to be, or hereafter maye lawfully be geuen, by reason of this Statute or otherwise: And saving alwaies al and euery such paines of death or other hurt or punishment, as heretofore might without daunger of lawe be done, vppon anye person or persons that shall sende or bringe into this Realme, or any other the Quenes dominions, or within the same, shall execute any summons, sentence, excommunication, or other proces against any person or persons, from the Bishoppe of Rome for the time being, or by or from the See of Rome, or thauctoritie or iurisdiction of the same See.

Prouyded alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons, shall hereafter be endited for assisting, aiding, maintaining, combatting, or abetting of anye person or persons for any the saide offences, in extolling, setting forth, or defending of the vsurped power and auctoritie of the Bishop of Rome, vnlesse he or they be thereof lawfullye accused by such good and sufficient testimonie or proofe, as by the Jury by whom he shall so be endited, shalbe thought good, lawfull, and sufficient, to proue him or them giltie of the saide offences.

## An Act for the maintenaunce and encrease of Tillage.

### The.ii. Chapter.

FOrasmuch as the Statute made in the fourth yere of the reigne of the late Prince of worthie memorye King Henry the seuenth, for the keping vp of houses of hus bandrye, and one other Statute made in the.vii. yere of the reigne of the late Kinge of moste famous memorye king Henry the eyghte, entituled an acte

an Acte to auoyd letting downe of Townes, and also one other Acte made in the xxviii. yeere of the reigne of the same late kynge Henry the eight, entituled an Acte concerning the decaye of houses and inclosures, are very good and profitable lawes for the commen weith of this Realme.

It is therefore ordeyned and established by the Quene our Soueraigne Ladye, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayde Actes, and euery of them, and euery braunche and article in the same, and euerye of theym conteyned, shall from henceforth be put in due execution, and remaine and continue in force for euermore.

And also, where by an Acte made in the xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our sayde late soueraigne Lorde Kinge Henrye the eyght, wherby diuers and sundry religious houses of Monkes, Cannons, and Nunnes, whiche might not dispende in landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes aboue the clere yerelye value of two hundreth pounds, were geuen to the sayde late kynge Henrye the eyght, his heyres, and successours for euer: It is amonge other thinges enacted and ordained, that all and singuler persons, and bodies politike and corporate, to whom the saide late king Henry the eyght, his heyres or successours, after the makinge of the same Acte, should geue, graunte, lette, or demise any Scite or precincte, with the houses therupon builded, together with the demeanes of any Monasteries, Priorys, or other religious houses, that shoulde be dissolued or geuen to the sayde late kinge Henry the eyght by that Acte, and the heyres, successours, or assignes of euery such person, bodye politike and corporate, shoulde kepe or cause to be kepte an honeste continuall house and householde in the same Scite or precincte, and should occupye or cause to be occupyed yearelye, as muche of the demeanes in ploughing and tillynge of husbandrye (that is to saye) as muche of the sayde demeanes which then were commonlye vsed to be kepte in tillage by the Gouernours, Abbottes, or Priours of the same houses, Monasteryes, or Priories, or by their fermoure or fermours occupyinge the same, within the time of twentie yeares nexte before that Acte, vppon paine to forfaite to the kynges highnesse, for euerye moneth so offendinge. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. to be recouered to his vse in anye of his Courtes of Recorde. And ouer that, by the same Statute it is enacted, that all Justices

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of peace in euery Shire where any suche offence should be committed and done, contrarye to the true meaning and intente of that Acte or statute, should in euery quarter and generall Sessions within the limittes of their Cõmission, enquire of the premisses, and should haue full power and auctoritie, to heare and determine the same, and to taxe and assesse no lesse fyne for euerye the sayde offences, then is before limitted for the sayde offence, and estreates thereof to be made and certified into the Kynges Exchequer, according, and at suche time and fourme as other estreates of fines, issues, and amerciamentes bee made by the same Justices, as by the same Acte more at large doeth appeare. Whiche parte of the sayde Acte concerning kepinge of house and householde in the sayde Scities and precinctes, and occupying of such demeanes of the same in tillage, as is aforesayde, then was, and yet is thought verye beneficiall to the common wealth, and moste needefull to be put in due execution.

BE it therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that the sayde braunches and articles of the sayde estatute last above mentioned, made in the sayde .xxvii. yere of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde kinge Henrye the eyghte, and euerye penaltie and thing touching the same, be also from henceforth put in due execution, and shall remaine and continue in their full force and vertue, according to the good entente and meaninge of the same laste recited Statute: Anye thinge in this present Acte to be hereafter conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND forasmuche as there haue bene sithens the makinge of the saide Statute, certaine other lawes and Statutes made in the time of our late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the sixte, and in the time of the late Soueraigne kinge Philip and Quene Mary, for the reedifying of decayed houses of husbandrye, and for the increase of tillage, whiche beyng in some partes thereof vnperfecte, and in some places to wylde and gentle, haue not brought to the decayed state of tillage, and of houses of husbandrye, that longe loked for remedye, whiche was then hoped for: Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde lawes and Statutes made in the times of the sayde late kinge Edwarde the sixt, and kinge Philippe and Queene Marye, touchinge and concerninge the decaye of houses of husbandrye, and for the encrease of Tillage, and euerye article and thinge in theym and e-

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euery of them conteined, shalbe from henceforth repelled and made voyde to all intentes and purposes.

And be it also further enacted and established by the auothoritie aforesaid, that from and after the feast of Thannuntiation of our Lady, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord GOD, a thousand fiue hundred, three score and foure all suche landes and groundes, or so muche in quantitie as in anye Towne, Village, Hamlette, Lordshippe, place knowen, or Parishe within the Realme of Englande or Wales, haue bene eared, ploughed, and putte in tillage in any one yere, and so kept in tillage by the space of foure yeres, anye time sithens the feast of S. George the Martir in the .xx. yeare of the reigne of King Henry theight (other then the saide demeanes of the saide late Monasteries, Priories, and religious houses, geuen as is aboue rehearsed to the saide late Kinge Henry the eyght in the saide .xxvii. yeare of his reygne) shalbe eared, ploughed, vsed, and kept in tillage, or caused to be eared, ploughed, vsed, and kepte in tillage for euer, accordinge to the nature of the soyle and custome of the Countrey, by the occupyer or occupyers therof, without fraude or collusion, vpon paine that euery offendoure contrarye to this acte, shall lose and forfaite yearely for euery acre ten shillinges, whiche forfaiture, shall goo and be in maner and fourme folowinge: That is to say, to such person or persons as bene nexte in reuertion or remainder therof, for terme of life, liues, or in tayle, their executours or administratours. And that by aucthoritie of this Acte, it shalbe lawefull for him or theym to leuye the same penaltye and forfayture of .x.s. for euerye acre by distresse, and to iustifie or make their aduouries or cognisaunces of the same, in such maner and fourme, as any person or personnes maye do for rentes reserued vpon estate or estates made for terme of yeares, of anye landes or tenementes, or otherwise, shall and maye sue for the same penaltie and forfeiture by action of debte, bill, plainte, or information in any Court of Recorde of the Queene our Soueraigne Ladie, her heires or successours, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne or protection, shalbe alowed or admitted for the partye defendaunt. And if they or any of them do not distraine, or otherwise claime or demaunde the sayde penaltie and forfaiture by any the wayes or meanes aforesayde, within the space of one whole yeare next after the offence done in fourme aforesaide, and pursue for the same with effecte, without fraude or couin, and doo not recouer (and might haue recouered the same) with suche spede as may be by the due order of the lawe: That then after suche defaulte, it shalbe laweful for him or theym to whom the reuertion or remainder of the fee simple of the sayde landes shall appertaine,

appertaine: their executoures or administratoures, to distraine auowe, or make recognisaunce, and iustifie, or otherwise to sue for the sayde forfaiture and paines in fourme aforesayde, at any tyme within one yeare next ensuing anye suche defaulte. And in his or their defaulte, the sayde penaltie or forfayture, to goo and bee to the immediate Lorde or Lordes, of the fee or fees, of whom the sayde landes ben holden, to be recouered in maner and fourme aforesaid, so that he or they do take and sue for his or their remedye therein, within one yeare nexte ensuinge anye suche defaulte, in maner and fourme aforesaid. And in his and their defaulte, the sayde penaltie and forfaiture to goo and be to the Queenes highnes, her heyres, and successours, to be recouered by any of the meanes or remedyes aforesaide, at any time or times, at her or their willes and plesures, or otherwise to any other person or persons that will sue, aswell for the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as for him or them selues, for the same paines and forfeitures, vpon which suite, the one moitie shalbe and goo to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or Successours: and the other, to him or them that so will sue for the same, by action of debte, bill, plaint, or information, in any of the Quenes Courtes of recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or alowed for the partie defendaunt.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yf any personne or persons, being an occupyer and owner of anye such landes and groundes as is aforesayde, of any estate of inheritaunce, shall offende against the fourme of this Acte: That then the sayde penaltie and forfaiture, shall goo and be to the nexte, immediate Lorde, or Lordes of the fee or fees thereof, his or their executours or administratours, to be recouered by suche wayes and meanes, as before is limitted and appointed, so that he or they doo pursue and take their remedye for the same in fourme aforesayde within one yeare nexte after suche offence committed. And yf anye suche occupyer and owner, shalbe a Coppyholder, or a customarye tenaunte, that then the sayde penaltie or forfayture, to goo and be to the Lorde or Lordes of the manoure, of whom the same Coppy or customary tenementes bene holden, their executours or administratours, so that he or they doo pursue and take their remedye for the same, in suche maner and fourme, and within the time last before limitted. And in euerye suche defaulte of the sayd Lorde or Lordes of the fee or fees, and of the Lorde or Lordes of the sayde manour or manours as is aforesayd, or of any of them the sayde penalties, and forfaitures to goo and bee to the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and Successours, or to suche other per-

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person or persons as will sue for the same, aswell for the Queene, her heyres or successours, as for him or them selues, in suche maner and fourme, as before is declared. In euery whiche suite, none essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or alowed for the partie defendaunt.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this Act or any thing therein conteined, shall not be preiudiciall, ne shall extende to charge any person or persons, that hath or shall tourne any grounde from tillage to pasture, and shall kepe such ground in pasture hole and not conuerted to tillage, for the onely mainteinaunce and keping of his or theyr owne Horses, Geldinges, Mares, or draught Oxen, or for the mainteinaunce or keping of kine or other cattell, for the onely victuals to be spente in his or their owne houses, so that the same person or persons hath, or shal not haue in his or thrir possession, occupation, or disposition, other sufficient pasture ground for that purpose, within .v. myles of his or their mansion house.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, that shall commonly kede and sell yerely bieues or muttons, to a greater number then he or they shall yerely spend in victuall, in his or their owne mansion house or houses, or that shalbe a cõmon fatter of bieues or muttons, or any of them, as a cõmon grasier or shepemaster, to be commonly solde in markettes and fayres, or to cõmon Butchers, shalbe taken, expounded, or vnderstande to be such person or persons, as by this prouiso last aboue mentioned, may kepe any grounde or pasture hole, & not conuerted to tillage for the maintenaunce and keping of kyne or other cattell, for the onely victuall to be spent in his or their owne houses, but ben & shalbe excepted out of ỹ same prouiso: Any thinge in the same prouiso conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it likewise enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende vnto any lawfull Parke or Parkes, or auncient warrens nowe vsed with Deare or Connyes, or to anye Parke or Parkes heretofore lawfully vsed as Parkes, and beinge nowe disparked, or to any other grounds that heretofore haue ben by any her highnes progenitours, or hereafter shall fortune to be made Parkes or warrens by licence of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires or successours, with sufficient clause or dispensation for conuerting of tillage into pasture, and bene or shalbe layed, bestowed and imployed to the mainteinaunce and kepinge of Deare or Connyes, without fraude or couine, and not to the feeding or kepinge of anye other Cattell or beastes, but onelye milche kine for him or

themselues, or his or their keper of suche Parke or Warren, for the prouision of his or their house or houses, or for the keping of his or their horses, geldinges, mares, coltes, or swine, nor shall extende to any waste groundes, commons, heathes, downes, fennes, moores, commonlye vsed as common, nor to anye heathes, fennes, moores, marishes, beinge nowe vsed in severaltye, and not commonly vsed to be sowen and put in tillage sence the sayde feaste of Saint George, in the said twentie yere of the raigne of King Henrye the.viii. nor to any freshe marshes being surrounded with water within the space of syxe yeares next before the first daye of this present Parliament, nor to any Orchard, Garden, Poole, or ponde parde, nor to any grounde sette or sowen with Saphron, Hoppes, Gaelike, Onions, Flax, Ode, or Madder, or being without fraude or gyle sowen with Acornes, or sette with anye kinde of younge woodes, nor to any wood groundes which be not stubbed, or wher in the wood hath ben felled, or hereafter shalbe felled, and the rotes and stubbes therof yet remaining vndigged vp, nor any medowes or other groundes without fraude or couin, accustomably vsed to be mowen for haye once in the yeare at the least duryng such time before specified: Any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstanding. And where in the sayde fyrst prouiso it is mentioned that this Act or any thing therin conteined shal not extend or be preiudiciall to any person or persons for keping of any ground in pasture or medowe for the onely maintenaunce or keping of his or their owne horses, mares, geldinges, or draught oxen, or for the maintenaunce or keping of kine or other cattell for the onelye prouision or victualling of his or their mansion, or dwelling house or houses: Be it declared and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that yf it shall fortune any such person or persons to be absent, and not resident, at, or vpon his or their vsuall mansion or dwelling house or houses, with his familie or household, for and by occasion of seruice or attendance to be done by any such person or persons, by the expresse commaundement of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successoures, within the Realme or without, or els hauing two or three mansion or dwelling houses, and shalbe resident and dwellinge with his familye but at one of them, or shalbe within age: That then during and for the time of suche seruice, attendaunce, minoritie, and absence (and one yere next after) from any his sayde dwelling houses, or during and for the time that he or they shalbe resident and dwelling with his family, but at or vpon one of them, shall and may kepe such groundes in pasture or medowe, belonging or vsually occupied with any of the sayde two or three houses,

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and with no more others, in his or their owne handes or occupation, or let it out to any other person or persons, without incurring of any dauger or forfaiture by vertue of this Act, so that the same person or persons, shall and doe keepe the same mansion and dwelling house or houses unletten, and in good and sufficiente reparations, and mete and conuenience for him or them to repayre and resorte unto at all tymes for his or their dwelling, and abodes any thing in the sayde prouiso, or in any parte of this Acte, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the repeale of any acte or Statute nowe repelled by this present acte, nor any other matter or thing herein conteined, shall in any wise extend, or be interpreted, judged, or expounded, to hinder, hurte, or take away any suite, information or informations exhibited, and nowe depending in the Queues Maiesties courte of Exchequer, or in any other courte of Recorde, for, or in any wise concerning the decaye of any houses or tenementes of husbandry, or for the conuerting of any landes or tenementes from tillage into pasture, contrary to the forme and effecte of ange Statute or Statutes heretofore made: But that all and euerye suche suites and informations, shall stand, remaine, and be of as good force and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same and euerye of them were before the makinge of this Acte. And that the sayde actes and Statutes nowe by this present act repelled, shall for and in respecte onely of the saide informations and suites, and euery of them so nowe depending, stande remaine, and be in such like force and effecte, as they and euerye of them were before the making of this act: Any thing herein conteined to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

And where as some doubt and question, hath heretofore risen and bene moued, vpon certaine wordes conteined in the said Statute made in the sayde fourth yeare of the raigne of the late kynge Henrye the seuenth, that is to saye, vpon these woordes: house or houses letten to ferme, with .xx. acres of lande at leaste, or more, lying in tillage and husbandrye: whether the same twentie acres of lande or more, shoulde be accompted and taken to bee all erable land, and wholly put in tillage or not, and also what quantitie and measure euery acre should be of, and conteine.

For a plaine and perfect declaration and interpretation whereof: Be it enacted and declared by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde Statute is, and shalbe expounded and taken, to extend to house or houses, that nowe haue, or hath, or at any time heretofore sithens the fyrste yeare of the reigne of the sayde

late king Henry the .viii. haue or hath hadde, or that hereafter shall haue .xx. acres of grounde to the same house or houses lying, or belonging, or to it the same commonly occupyed or vsed, although the same ground hath not ben, is, or shalbe all wholye vsed as earable lande and put in tillage, but onelye some parte thereof, and that the content of euerye acre, shalbe taken & eated after the rate and measure limitted and appointed in the ordinaunce or treatise, *De veris mensuris agrorum*. Any ambiguitie, doubte, or thing, whatsoeuer to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons hath, or at any time hereafter, shall sustaine any penaltie, forfaiture, or losse, for, or by reason of any offence committed or done contrary to the tenour or effect of this Acte, or any other of the Actes before recited & confirmed: that then he or they shall not be eftsones sued, vexed, or impeched for the same offence: Any thing in this Acte, or in any other of the Actes aforesaid, had or made to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And to thintente that the offendoure of this acte, or of any the acts before specified, & by this act confirmed, and thoffences committed and don against any of the same, may be the better knowen, & y^e more due execution therof may be had: Be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the Lorde Chauncelour, or Lorde keper of the great Seale of England for the time being, shall haue full power & aucthoritie by vertue of this act from time to time to award & direct a Commission or commissions vnder the great Seale of Englande, into euery shire or county within this Realme & Wales, to such persons as by his wisedome & discretion shalbe thought most mete & conuenient, aucthorising them, or four of them at the least, by vertue therof, & of this act to enquire and search out within euery towne, Village, Parishe & Hamlet within their Commission, by the othes of xii. lawful and indifferent persons, or otherwise according to their good discretions, of the offences committed or done against this statute, or any other the statutes before mentioned, & by this act confirmed, & whether any person or persons to whom any penaltie or forfayture is geuen, limitted or appointed by the same, or anye of theym haue taken the benefite or aduauntage of the saide forfaitures and paynes, or not, according to the same lawes and statutes. And that within three monethes next after euery such inquirie and searche, the said Commissioners, or foure of them at the least, shall make certificat therof, and of their doings, by vertue of the saide Commission, vnder their handes and seales, into the high Court of Chauncerye, vpon paine of forfaiture of euery such Commissioner .xx.li. sterlinge, to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successours. And that the

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same Cōmissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctho-ritie and power by vertue of this act, to directe their precept to ye sheriffes of the countie, being within the limittes of their Commission, to warne as many honest men of his Bailiwike, as the saide Commissioners shall appointe, by whom the truth in the premisses may be best knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of all and euery offences cōmitted or done contrary to the sayd Actes, or any of them, and to set such reasonable fines and amerciamentes vpon such persons as shall make default of their apparances, or making their apparances, shall neglect to do their dueties in and about the execution of the premisses, as to the same Commissiones, or foure of them, shalbe by their discretions thought mete and conuenient, so that the same fines or amerciamentes, for any one defaulte, exceede not the summe of. xx. s. And that the same fines & amerciaments, so by them taxed & set, shalbe yerely well and truely estreated into the court of the Eschequer, & there to be leuied to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successors, as other fines & amerciaments, haue ben there accustomed & vsed to be leuyed. And that if the sheriffe to whom such precept shalbe awarded, shalbe remisse or negligent in seruing of the precept, & returning of the same at the time & place appointed and prefixed in the said precepte: that then the said Cōmissioners or foure of them, shall for euery such default, assesse & taxe vpon the saide Sheriffe. x. li. and shall estreate the same into the said Court of Eschequer, to be leuied to the Queenes Maiesties vse, her heyres and successours, as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesaid, that it shal not be lawful to any Sheriffe, vnder Sheriffe, or Sheriffes deputed to infringe or enter into any libertie or Franches for the zecution of any such precept: But shall make his mandatum to the Bailiffe of the fraunches or libertie for the executing and seruing of the same, and that the bailiffe of euery such fraunches or libertie, shall serue and execute the said precept, according to the tenoure therof, in such like maner and forme as the sheriffe should or oughte to haue done, if it had ben within his Bailiwike, vpon paine of forfaiture of. v. li. to be estreated and leuied as is aforesaid.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctho-ritie aforesaide, that the putting of any landes or tenementes hereafter from pasture to tyllage, accordyng to the tenour and effect of this act, shall not in any wise extend to be any cause of breache or forfaiture of any bond, couenaunt, paiment, or condition made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, whiche in any wise is or shalbe repugnaunt or contrariant to this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the auctho-rity aforesayde, that this act or any thing therein conteined, shall not

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And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde that yf any such house or houses of husbandrye, and lande, be deuided or seuered ẏ one from the other, by reson of any lease or leases, for terme of life, liues, or for terme of yeares, made or graunted before the first daye of this presente Parliamente, that then whensoeuer the said lease or leases shal ende or determine by any maner of meanes so as the same house or houses, and landes therevnto belongynge, shalbe discharged of all such leases, the same house and houses and landes so dimised, shal not afterwardes be seuered or deuided ẏ one from the other, but shall go, be kepte, and occuppyed together at all tymes after, according to the declaration before mencioned, vppon the paines, and forfaitures last before specified, and to be taken also, as in the sayde Statute is mentioned. Except by the returning or reueniting of the same lande to the saide house, there shal or may growe any manifest decay of any other houses newlye edified, or of any other farmes that hath bene by meanes of distribution of seueraunce of the same lande or landes, or any part thereof, made or assigned to be seuerall tenementes or holdes.

And wherin the saide Statute made in the saide .vii. yeare of the reigne of the saide King Henry ẏ eight, amonges other thinges in the same, it is enacted, that if sithens the firste daye of the same Parliament, anye landes which at the same fyrste daye, or sithens the same firste daye, were commonly vsed in tillage, were enclosed, or from thenceforth should be inclosed and turned only to pasture, whereby any house of husbandry then was or thereafter should be decayed: that then all suche landes should be by the owner or owners therof, their heyres, successours, or assignes, or other for them, within one yeare next ensuing the same decaye, put in tillage, and exercised, vsed, and occuppyed in husbandry and tillage, as they wer the first day of the same Parliament, or at any time sithens, and after the maner and vsage of the countrey where such landes did lye, as by the sayde Acte, more plainely may appere.

And forasmuch as vpon ẏ said part of the saide statute diuerse doubtes and questions haue bene moued heretofore: Be it therfore enacted & declared by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if at anye time sithens the making of the said Act, and before the saide feast of S. George, in the saide .xx. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late Kinge Henry the eight, any landes belonging to anye such house of husbandry as is aforesaid, haue bene turned from tillage to pasture by any person or persons: that then the same landes, or so muche other landes being within the same Parishe, Lordship, or Manour, that heretofore was not liable or bounde by any lawe or statute to bee kept in tillage, shalbe turned againe into tillage within one yeare

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next after the session of this present parliamēt, & kepte in tillage for euer, according to the custome of the country, & nature of the soyle, whether the said house whereunto the said lands did belong, be decayed or no, or whether the same lands were enclosed or not enclosed, or whether some part therof, & not the whole, were kepte in tillage or not, vpon the paines conteined in the same statute made in the said. viii. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight.

Prouided alwaies, & be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, hauing any pasture heath, wast, or barren grounde, which hath not bene heretofore cōmonly vsed to be eared or tilled for corne, and yet neuertheless the same person or persons, to thintent to better and amende the sayde ground, and not to vse the same for tillage, haue, or hath at anye time heretofore turned or put the same into tillage, or at anye time hereafter shal turne and put the same into tillage, and hath or shall kepe the same ground for that cause only in tillage by ỹ space of. iiii. yeares togethers, that this act or any thing therin conteined, shall not compell any person or persons to continue or put in tillage the said pasture, heath, barren or wast ground so eared. Anye thing before expressed in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this act, or any prouision, clause, or article therein conteined, shall not be vnderstande or expounded to extende or be in anye wise preiudiciall to those partes or portions of groundes, wherein any ower of Leade, Tin, or Iron, or coles commonly called seacole, stonecole, or moorecole, haue bene, are, or hereafter shalbe vsually gotte, by meanes wherof, ỹ same groundes can not conueniently be put and kept in tillage: This Act, or any other lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided also that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extende to compell any person or persons to put in tillage any landes or groundes within any forest or chase, excepte the forest of Snowden in Northwales, otherwise then before the makinge of this Statute, he or they ought, or were bounde to do. This acte to endure to the ende of the next session of Parliament.

Prouided alway, ỹ this statute or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to cōpell any inhabitaunt of the counties of Northūberland, Westmerland, or Cumberlād, to reedify, mainteine, or to kepe in manuraunce any house or ground ỹ shalbe ouerthrowē, burned, destroied wasted, or decaied by enemies, or by any occasion of warres or inuasiōs, during ỹ warres, or vnto. iiii. yeres after ỹ conclusion of peace next following such ouerthrowing, burning, destruction, wasting or other thing in this present act to ỹ cōtrary not withstanding.

And forasmuch as this act shal continue but to thende of the next session of Parliament: Bee it therefore enacted by aucthoritie

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tie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shall from henceforth convert from tillage to pasture, any ground whiche was in tillage the first daye of this Parliament, other then suche as they might lawefully have converted from tillage to pasture, before the makinge of this Acte: Anye thing conteined in this Acte to the contrarye notwithstanding.

## An Acte for the relefe of the poore.

### The. iii. Chapter.

TO thintente that ydle and loyteringe persons, and hallaunt beggers maye be auoided, and thimpotent, feble, and lame, whiche are the poore in deede, should be hereafter relieued and well prouided for:

Be it enacted by the Quene our soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the statute made in the .xxii. yeare of the late kinge of famous memorye, kinge Henrye theight, and also the statute made in the thirde and fourth yeares of the reygne of the famous kinge Edwarde the Sixte, concerninge Beggars, Vagabounde, and ydle persons, and euery article, clause, braunche, sentence, and other thinges conteyned in them, and eyther of them, other then such thinges as shalbe by this presente Acte otherwise ordained and prouided for: shall stande, remaine, and be in theyr full force and effect, and shalbe also from henceforth, iustly and truely put in execution, according to the true meaning of the sayde seuerall statutes, and euery of them.

And further be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yearely vpon the Sunday next before the feaste daye of the natiuitie of S. John Baptist, commonly called Midsomer day, in euerye Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate, the Mayor, Bayliffes, or other head officers for the time being: and in euery other parishe of the country, the Parson, Vicar, or Curate & churchwardens, shall haue written in a Register or boke to be prouided by theym, aswell the names of the inhabitantes and housholders within their Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or parishe: as also the names of all such impotent, aged, and nedie persons, as be within their Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or parishe, whiche are not able to lyue of them selues, or with their owne labour, and shall openlye in the church and quietly after diuine seruice, cal ẏ said housholders & inhabitauntes together, amõg whõ the Maior or other head officers

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and two of the chiefe inhabitantes in euerye suche Citie, Borroughe, and Towne Corporate, suche as the Maior or other heade officers shall thinke meete, and the Parsones, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchewardens in euery suche parishe, shall elect, nominate, and appoint yearely two honest persons or more, to be gatherers and Collectoures of the charitable almes of all the residue of the people inhabiting in the parishe, whereof they be chosen Collectours for the relefe of the poore, which Collectoures, the Sunday next after their election, or the Sunday following yf nede require, when the people are at the Churche at diuine seruice, shall gentelye aske and demaunde of euery man and woman, what they of their charitie will be contented to gene weekely towardes the releife of the poore, and the same to be written in the saide Regester booke. And the sayde gatherers so beinge elected and chosen, shall iustlye gather, and truelye distribute the same charitable almes weekely by them selues or their assignes, to the saide poore and impotent persons of the said Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, and Parishes, without fraude or couin, fauoure or affection, and after such sorte, that the more impotente, may haue the more helpe, and suche as cannot gette parte of their liuinge, to haue the lesse, and by the discretion of the Collectours, to be put in suche labour as they be fit and able to doo, but none to go or sit openlye a begging, vpon paine limitted in the aforesayde Statutes. And if the saide Maiors, Bailiffes, head officers, Parson, Vicar, Curate and Churchewarden, or any of them, fayle in the doing and executing of the premisses in forme aboue declared, he or they so makinge default, to forfeite for euery such default. xl. s. to be employed to the vse of the poore of that parishe, where he or they do inhabite, to be leuied by the Collectours of the same parishe by waye of distresse, or otherwise, as is appointed in this Acte for leuying of like forfaitures.

And be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons so elected, nominated, and appointed to be gatherer or gatherers as is aforesayde, shall refuse the saide office, but shall iustelye and truelye execute the same, by the space of one whole yeare nexte ensuinge suche election, vppon paine to forfaite. x. li. the one moitie thereof to the Churchwardens of the parishe where he or they shalbe elected Collectour, and thother moitie thereof, to the vse and relefe of the poore of the sayde parishe, to be leuyed by the Churchewardens where they or he dwelleth, of the goodes of the sayde gatherer or gatherers so refusing, by distresse or els by action of debte, bill, playnte, or information, to be brought or pursued by the sayde Churchewardens of the sayde Parishe where

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they shall dwell in any courte of Recorde, or in the courte of any Lorde of any Manour within the saide parishe where the said gatherer shalbe so chosen. In which suite, no protection or wager of lawe shalbe alowed or admitted for the partie defendaunt.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf the sayd Churchwardens, or eyther of them, shall refuse to sue for the saide forfaiture, or within two monethes next after the same cause of forfaiture shalbe geuen, shall not sue or take the remedie for the recouery therof, in such maner and fourme as before in this present Act is limitted and appointed: that then the same churchwardens so making default of suite, shall forfaite and lose .xx.li. of lawefull money of Englande, the one moitie therof to him or them that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any court of Recorde, or in the court of any Lorde of any Manour, within the parishe where the said Churchwardens shal dwell, and the other moitie to the vse of the poore of the said parishe. In which suite, no essoigne, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or alowed for the partie defendaunt.

And for the better execution of this acte, touching the election of the Collectours for the poore: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister, of euery parishe within this Realme, shall yearely for euermore, vppon the Sunday before Midsomer day, in the Pulpit or some other conuenient place in the Church, geue knowlege and warning at thend of some of the morning seruice, to the parishioners then and there present, to prepare them selues on the Sunday next after Midsomer day then next folowing, to come to the Churche, and there to elect and chose Collectours and gatherers for the poore, according to the tenor of this act. And yf the Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister, shall make default in geuing of the sayde knowledge: that then he or they so making default, to forfait & lose .xl.s. towardes the reparations of the said Churche. And the Churchwardens of the sayd parishe, to sue and distraine for the same, in such fourme as before is appoynted for the other forfaitures.

And further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the sayd gatherers or collectours for the poore, so to be chosen as is aforesayd, shall make their iust accompt quarterly, to the Maiors or chiefe officers of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: and in euery parishe of the said Countrie, to the Parson, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardens of the parish, at whith accompt, such of the parishe as will may be present. And when they go out of their office, they shall deliuer or cause to be deliuered forthwith vpon thend of their accomptes, all such surplusage of

money, as then shall remaine of their collection vndistributed, to be put in their common chest of the churche, or in some other safe place, to the vse of the poore, at the ouersight and discretion of the Maior, officers, and others before mentioned. And if the saide collectours, or any of them, do refuse to make their sayde accoumpte within .viii. dayes next after request made to them for the same, then the Bishop of the dioces, or the Ordinary of the place, Chaunceloirs, or their Cõmissaries, together with a Justice of peace, & the Churchwardens of the said parishe, or one of them, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of this act, vpon complaint to them made, to cõmit the sayd person or persons so refusing, to warde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, vntil he or they so refusing, shal make their said accomptes, before such persons as the said Bishop Ordinary, Chauncellours, or commissaries and Justice of peace shall appoint, & to make immediate paiment of the summes wherwith by determination of the said accompt they shalbe charged.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, being able to further this charitable worke, do obstinatly & frowardly refuse, reasonablie to geue towards the helpe & relieke of the poore, or do wilfully discourage other from so charitable a dede, the Parson, Vicar, or Curate, & churchwardens of the parishe wherin he dwelleth, shal then gentelly exhort him or them towardes the relieke of the poore, and if he or they will not so be perswaded, then vpon the certificat of the Parson, Vicar, or Curate of the parishe, to the Bishop of the dioces, or Ordinary of the place, Chauncelours or their Cõmissaries, or Gardian of the Spiritualties, the same Bishop, Ordinary, Chauncelours or Cõmissaries, or Gardian of the Spiritualties, shall sende for him or them, to induce or perswade him or them by charitable meanes & waies to extend their charitie to the poore, as in this act is well ment and intended. And if the person or persons so sente for, of his or their frowarde or wilfull minde, shall obstinately refuse to geue weekly for the relieke of the poore, according to his or their habilities: that then the Bishop or Ordinarie of the dioces, Chauncelours or their Commissaries, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to binde the saide obstinate and wilfull person so refusing, vnto the Quene by recognisaũce, in the summe of .x. pounds, with condition therupon to be indorsed, that the sayde obstinate person so refusing, shall personally appeare before the Justices of peace, of the Countie where the same person shall then inhabite and dwell, if it be out of any Citie, Borough or Towne corporate: and yf it be within any Citie, borroughe, or Towne corporate, then before the Maiors, bayliffes, or other heade officers of euery

such Citie, Burough, or towne corporate, at the next generall sessions to be holden before the sayd Justices within the sayde Countie, or at the next Court to be holden before the saide Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers within euery suche Citie, borroughe, or Towne corporate, and that the same obstinate person shal not frō thence depart without licence of the saide Justices, yf he dwel out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or of the sayd Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers, if he dwell within any such Citie Borough or Towne corporate. And yf any such obstinate person shal refuse to be bounde as is aforesaide: that then the said Bishop, Ordinarie, Chauncellour, or Commissarie, shal haue auctoritie by this acte, to commit the sayd obstinate person to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainepryse, vntill the said obstinate person shall become bounde, as is aforesaide.

AND further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sayd Justices, or suche of them as shalbe at the sayd Sessions, or the Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers of euery suche Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, yf the sayd obstinate persons do appeare before them: shall charitesbie and gentelly perswade and moue the sayde obstinate persons, to extende his or their charitie towardes the releefe of the poore of the parishe where he or she inhabiteth and dwelleth, and yf he or she shall obstinately and wilfully standе in the same, and will not be perswaded therein by the sayde Justices, Maior, Bayliffes, or other heade officers: that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd Justices, yf it be out of any Citie, borough or towne corporate, and yf it be within any Citie, borough, or Towne corporate, for the Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers of the same citie, Borough, or Towne corporate with the Churchewardens where the same obstinate person shall inhabite, or one of them, to sesse, tare, and limite vpon euery such obstinate person so refusing, according to their good discretions, what summe the sayde obstinate person shall paye weekely towardes the releefe of the poore within the sayde parishe where he or she shal inhabite and dwell. And yf the sayd person so sessed and tared, shall refuse to paye the summe that shalbe so reasonably ymitted, tayed and appoynted: then the sayde Justices of Peace, or two of them, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, or the sayde Maior, bayliffes, or other heade officers of euery suche Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, vpon complainte and certificate to them by the Collectours and Churchewardens of the same parishe, where the saide obstinate person shall dwell, to commit the sayd obstinate person and persons so refusing to paye, to prison to the next gaole there

ther to remaine without bayle or maineprise, till he or they haue
payde the sayde summe so appointed, taxed, and limitted, together
with tharrerages therof, yf any shall fortune to be.

AND for the better maintenaunce of this charitable Acte and
worke, it is ordeyned and stablished by thauctoritie aforesaide,
that where as the late king of famous memorie kinge Henry the
viii. his heyres or successours, or any other person or personnes, by
his or their seuerall & lawefull erections and foundations, hath or
haue ordeined & appointed any summe or summes of money to the
vse of the poore, or for the repayring or amending of high waies or
bridges, not being taken away otherwise by acte of Parliament,
whether the same be in any Cathedrall Churche, Colledge, or else
where, the Bishop of the diocesse, or Chauncellour for the tyme be-
ing, shall from time to time, examine howe and after what maner
the sayd money is bestowed, & to call to accompt the parties which
retayne the sayde money, and therupon to take such order, as the
same from thencefoorth be destributed to the poore, according to the
good entend and purpose of the said noble king that graunted the
same. And yf they shall fayle yerely to call to accompte the persons
aforesaid, in fourme aforesaid, and after accompt, to order the dis-
tribution of the said money in maner before declared, to forfait for
euery suche default. xx.li. to be employed to the vse of the poore, by
the ouersight of three Justices of the peace, within the said countie
where the person that so should accompt dwelleth, to be leuied by
way of distresse, or otherwise, as other forfaytures in this statute
are appointed to be leuied.

AND be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, yf it shal
chaunce any parishe to haue in it no poore and impotent folkes not
able to labour, then the sayd parishe is able to relieue: that then
in euery such parishe, not standing in any Citie or Towne corpo-
rate, the Parson, Vicar, or Curate of the said parishe, and two or
three of the chiefe inhabitauntes of the same parishe, and in euery
Citie & Towne corporate, the Maior or Chiefe officers of the same
Citie or town corporate, & the Parson, Vicar, or Curate of the said
parishe, calling to them two or three of the chiefe parishioners of
the same parishe, such as the said Maior or head officers shal think
mete: shall certifie vnto the Justices of peace of the countie where
the same parishe is, the number and names of the persons with
which they be surcharged, & vpon such certificat, the said Justices
of the peace in the same county, or two of them, wherof one to be of
the Quorum, shal consider & examine the said certificate, aswel by the
oth of those that so certified inspection of the sayd poore persons, to
be taken & viewed, at such day, time, and place, as to them shalbe

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thoughoute, as by all other waies and meanes: and fyndyng the same true after such othe and alowaunce by inspection, shall then graunt vnto such and as many of the said poore folkes as by their discrecion they shal thinke good, a sufficient license vnder the seale appointed for the limit, to go abrode, to begge, get, and receiue the charitable almes of the inhabitauntes of the countrey, out of the sayd Parishes, Cities & Townes so surcharged: in which license, thenfurnisshe of the person, the places, townes, & parishes to which suche poore folkes are by that license licensed to resorte, shall in the same license be named, limitted and appointed, be it one hundreth or mo, in the sayd Countie, at the sayde discrecion of the same Justices. And if any of the saide poore folkes so licensed, shall transgresse the limittes to them appointed, and resorte to begge at other places then is in the sayde license named, the partie so transgressing & offending, to be taken for a valiaunt begger, and punished according to the statute made in the sayde .xxii. yere of king Henry the eight, and his or their license to be taken from them. And if the sayde Justices of the peace shal fayle to appoint a day and time for inspection of the sayd poore, and examination of the sayde certificatours, within one moneth next ensuing the day of receipt of the sayd certificate, or shall graunt or geue license to any person or persons so certified, to go abrode and begge, before suche time as they shal haue viewed and sene the said poore persons, & haue receaued othe of the persons that so certified, that the sayd poore persons for age, impotencie, or sickenes, in their consciences, & to their knowledge, are not able by any worke or labour to earne them necessary meate, drinke, and clothe, and the same depolition put in writing, subscribed or marked by the person depoſed, to forfaite for euery suche default, ten pounds, to be employed to the vse of the poore of any parishe or parishes within the sayd Countie where the saide Justices dwell, at the ouersight and appointment of the Bishop or his Chaunceloure of the same dioces, to be leuied in sort & fourme as other forfaitures in this Statute are appointed.

And be it further enacted, that where any of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, Townes corporate, or parish so charged, is scituate & standing in one countie or two counties of this Realme, or scituate and standing in one, and immediatly adioyning to another countye of the Realme, as the Citie of Bristoll, and the Townes of Ludloo and Stamford stande: that in those Cities, the Parson, Vicar, and Curate of the sayde parishe, and the saide Maior, head officers, and inhabitauntes of euery such Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, and parishe, shall make certificate vnto the Justices of the saide Counties adioyning to the same Cities, Boroughes,

Townes corporate and parishes, and the same Justices of the said adioyning Countie or Counties, to do, geue license, and lesow the order aboue remembred, accordyng as other Justices of the Counties in which the parish suethat ged standeth, is limitted and auctthorised to do.

And be it also enacted, that in al Cities, Boroughes, & Townes corporate, within which be diuers parishes, the Maior & head officers of euery the same Cities, Boroughes & townes corporat, shall consider the state and abilitie of euery such parish. And yf the same Maior and officers shal vnderstand by their discretion, that the parishioners of any one of the saide parishes is of such wealth and behauor, that they haue no pouertie amongest them, or be able sufficiently to reliefe the pouertie of the parish wher they inhabite and dwell, and also to helpe and succour pouertie els where further: that then the saide Maior and officers, with thassent of two of the most honest & substancial inhabitauntes of euery suche wealthie parishe, shall consider the nidines of thinhabitauntes of thother parish or parishes within the same Citie or Towne corporate, and moue, induce and perswade the parishioners of the welthier parishe, charitablie to contribute somewhat, accordyng to their habilitie, toward the wekely reliefe, succour & consolation of the pore & nedy within the other parishe or parishes aforesaid, where nede is.

AND be it also enacted, that all and euery such pore folkes as by any such license, are to be licensed and auctthorised to resort out of the limittes, liberties, and fraunchefes of all and euery such Citie, Borough, and Town corporate: into any of the said Counties, to begge, get & gather the charitable almes of good people, shall at al times when the same goeth abrode to begge, weare openly vppon him or them, both on the brest and the backe of his or their vppermost garment, some notable badge or token, to be assigned vnto him by the Maior or heade officers of the same Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate, or parishe, with thassent of the Justices of the peace that shall graunt the same license, vpon paine to be taken for a valiaunt begger, and to be punished as afore is remembred, and shall also carry his license with him, vpon the lyke payne. This act to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next Parliament.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctthoritie aforesaid, that all and euery summe & summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of London & the liberties of the same, by vertue of this Acte, shalbe payde ouer to the gouernours of the Hospitall called the hospitall of Christes Churche, within the sayde Citie of London, for the tyme beyng, and shalbe

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by the [illegible] distributed and bestowed for the reliefe of the poore of the saide Citie, according to their wisedome and discretions: Any thing in this Acte mentioned to the contrarye notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of Couentre, and the liberties of the same by vertue of this acte, towarde the maintenaunce and reliefe of the Hospitall of poore people, erected in the saide Citie, shall be payde ouer to such gouernour or gouernours of the saide Hospitall, as nowe is or hereafter shalbe admitted and appointed by the Maior and Aldermen of the said Citie of Couentre, or the more part of them for the time being. And such gouernour or gouernoures so admitted and appointed as aforesaid, shall from time to time, distribute and bestowe, for the reliefe of thaforesaid poore within the saide Citie, the saide summe or summes of money, according to their wisedomes and discretions. Anye thing mentioned in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted, that the Curate, Minister, or Reader, together with the Wardens of euery Chappell of ease, and where no wardens are, the warden or two of the chiefest of the inhabitauntes resorting and frequenting the saide Chappell of the ease for hearing diuine seruice, the same inhabitauntes to be nominated and chosen by the same Curate, Minister, or Reader: And also the Collectours, and all and euery other person and persons to whom in this behalfe it shall appertaine by force of this estatute, shal do, execute, perfourme, and be liable to al and euery such ordinaunce, clause, article, sentence, and penalties specified and conteined in this presente Acte, for and towardes the reliefe of the poore, in like maner and fourme, as the Vicar, Curate, Churchwardens and Collectors of euerye Parish churche, shall, may, or ought to do by force of this Acte, according to the purporte and true meaninge of the same, and not to be compellable to come or resort to their Parishe Churche for the same onely purpose or entente: Any thing in this Acte before specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED also that this Acte or any thing therein conteined shall not in any wise extend to be preiudiciall to any gifte, legacye, conueyaunce or assignement of any maner of landes or other profite heretofore geuen, assigned, or bequeathed to the reliefe of the poore, reparation of high waies or bridges, vppon anye maner of condition: but that the same shalbe employed, conuerted, bestowed, and accompted for, in such maner and fourme, and vppon suche condition, as the same lawfully was or ought to be, before the makinge of this Acte.

## ¶ An Acte touching diuers orders for Artificers, Laborers, seruauntes of husbandry, and apprentices.

### ¶ The .iiii. Chapter.

ALthough there remaine and stand in force presently a great number of actes & statutes concerning the reteining, departing, wages, and orders of apprentices, seruantes, and laborers, aswell in husbandry as in diuers other actes, misteries & occupations, yet partly for the imperfection & contrarietie that is found and do appere in sundry of the said lawes, and for the varietie and number of them, and chiefely for that the wages and alowances limitted and rated in many of the said statutes are in diuers places to small, and not aunswerable to this time, respecting the aduauncement of pryces of all thinges belonging to the saide seruauntes and laborers, the said lawes can not conueniently without the great griefe and burden of the poore laborer and hired man, be put in good & due execution. And as the said seueral actes & statutes were at the time of the making of thē, thought to be very good and beneficial for the cōmon wealth of this Realme: (as diuers of them yet are) Sir if the substance of as many of the said lawes as are mete to be continued, shalbe digested and reduced into one sole lawe and statute, & in the same an vniforme order prescribed and limitted, concerning the wages & other orders for apprētises, seruantes and laborers, ther is good hope that it will come to passe, that the same lawe (being duely executed) should banish ydlenes, aduāūce husbandry, and yelde to the hired person both in the time of scarsitie, and in the time of plentie, a conuenient proportion of wages.

BE it therefore enacted by thaucthoritie of this presente Parliament, ẏ as much of al the estatutes heretofore made, & euery braunch of them, as touch or concerne the hiring, keping, departing, working wages, or order of seruants workemen, artifices, apprentices and laborers, or any of them, and the penalties and forfeitures concerning the same, shalbe from & after the last day of September next ensuing repealed and vtterly void and of none effect, and that al the saide statutes and euery braunch thereof, for any matter conteined in them, and not repealed by this statute, shall remaine and be in ful force and effect: Any thing in this statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons after the foresaide last daye of September nowe nexte ensuinge, shall reteine, hyre or take into seruyce, or cause to be retained, hyred, or taken into seruice, nor anye person shalbe reteyned or hyred, or taken into seruice by anye meanes or coloure, to woorke for anye lesse tyme or terme, then for one hole yeare, in anye of the sciences, craftes, mysteryes or artes of Clothiers, Wollen cloth Weauers, Tuckers, Fullers, Clothwor-

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kers, Sheremen, Diers, Hosiers, Tailors, Shomakers, Tāners, Pewterers, Bakers, Brewers, Glouers, Cutlers, Smithes, Farrors, Curriers, Sadlers, Spurriers, Turners, Cappers, Hatmakers, or Felt makers, Bowlers, Fletchers, Arrowheade makers, Butchers, Cookes, or Millers.

AND be it further enacted, that euery person being vnmaried and euery other person being vnder the age of. xxx. yeares, that after the feast of Easter next shall marry, and hauing bene broughte vp in any of the said artes, craftes, or sciences, or that hath vsed or exercised any of them by the space of three yeares or more, and not hauing landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, copie hold, or fre holde, of one estate of inheritaunce, or for terme of anye life, or liues, of the clere yearely value of. xl. s. nor being woorth of his owne goods the clere value of. x. li. and so alowed by two Justices of the peace, of the countie where he hath most commōly inhabited by the space of one whole yere, & vnder their handes and seales, or by the Maior or other head officer of the Citie, borough, or towne corporate, where such person hath most commonly dwelled by the space of one whole yere, and two Aldermen, or two other discreate Burgesses of the same Citie, borough, or towne corporate, if ther be no Aldermen, vnder their handes and seales, nor being reteined with any person in husbandry, or in any of the aforesaid artes and sciences, according to this Statute, nor lawfully retained in anye other arte or science, nor being lawfullye retained in householde, or in any office with any noble man, gentleman, or others, according to the lawes of this Realme, nor hauing a conuenient ferme, or other holding in tillage, wherupon he may employ his laboure: shall (during the time that he or they shall so be vnmaried, or vnder the saide age of. xxx. yeres, vpon request made by any person vsing the art or misterie wherein the saide person so required hath bene exercised, as is aforesaide) be reteined, and shall not refuse to serue, according to the tenor of this Statute, vpon the paine and penaltie hereafter mentioned.

AND be it further enacted, that no person which shall reteine any seruaunt, shall put away his or her said seruaunt, and that no person reteined according to this Statute, shal departe from his master, maistres, or dame, before the ende of his or her terme, vppon the paine hereafter mentioned, vnlesse it be for some reasonable and sufficient cause or matter, to be alowed before twoe Justices of peace, or one at the leaste, within the saide Countie, or before the Mayor or other chiefe officer of the Citie, Boroughe, or Towne Corporate, wherein the saide maister, maistres, or dame inhabiteth, to whom any of the parties grieued shall complaine,

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which said Justices or Justice, Maior or chiefe officer, shall haue & take vpon them or him the hearing and ordering of the matter, betwixt the said master, maistres, or dame, and seruant, according to the equitie of the cause. And that no such master, maistres, or dame, shall put away any such seruaunt at thende of his terme, or that any such seruaunt shall depart from his said master, maistres or dame, at thende of this terme, without one quarter warning geuen before thende of his saide terme, either by the sayde master maistres, or dame, or seruaunt, the one to the other, vpon the paine hereafter ensuing.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that euery person being vnder the age of xii. yeres, & the age of three score yeres, not being lawfully retained, nor apprentice with any Fisherman or Mariner haunting the seas, nor being in seruice with anye husbandman or labourer of any corne, graine, or meate, for prouision of the Citie of London, nor with any husbandman in husbandry, nor in anye citie, Towne corporate, or market Towne, in any of the artes or sciences limited or appointed by this statute, to haue or take apprentices, not being retained by the yere, or halfe the yere at the least, for the digging, seking, finding, getting, melting, fining, working, tryking, making of any Siluer, Tin, Lead, Iron, copper, Stone, Sea cole, Stone cole, Wood cole, or herbe cole, not being occupied in or about y making of any glasse, nor being a gentleman borne, nor being a student or scoller in any of the vniuersities, or in any scoole, nor hauing landes, tenementes, rentes or hereditamentes, for terme of life or of one estate of inheritaunce, of y clere yearely value of. xl. s. nor being worth in goodes and catteles to the value of. x. li. nor hauing a father or mother then liuinge, or other auncestour, whose heyre apparaunt he is, then hauinge Landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, of the yerely value of. x. li. or aboue, or goodes or catteles of the value of. xl. li. nor being a necessary or conuenient officer or seruaunt lawfully retained as is aforesaide, nor hauing a conuenient ferme, or holding whereupon he maye or shall employ his labour, nor being otherwise lawefullye retained, according to the true meaning of this statute: shall after the foresaid last day of September nowe nexte ensuing, by vertue of this statute be compelled to be reteined to serue in husbandrye by the yere, with any person that vseth husbandry, & will require any such person so to serue, within the same shire where he shalbe so required.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that if any person after he hath reteined any seruant shall put away the same seruaunte before thende of his terme, vnlesse it be for some reasonable and sufficient cause, to be alowed as

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is aforesaide, or if any suche maister, maistres, or dame, shall put away any such seruaunt at thende of his terme, without one quarters warning geuen before the said ende, as is aboue remembred, that then euery such master, maistres or dame so offending, vnlesse he or they be able to proue by two sufficient witnesses such reasonable & sufficient cause of putting away of their seruaunt or seruants during their terme, or a quarters warning, geuen afore the ende of the said terme, as is beforesaid, before the Justices of Oier & terminer, Justices of assise, Justices of the peace in the quarter Sessions, or before the Maior or other head officer of any Citie, borough or towne corporate, & two Aldermen, or two other discrete Burgeses of the same citie, borough, or towne corporate, if there be no Aldermen, or before the Lord president and counsel established in the marches of Wales, or before the Lord president and counsell for the time being established in the North parties, shal forfait the sume of xl.s. And if any seruaunt retained according vnto the tourme of this statute, depart frō his master, maistres, or dames seruice before ỹ ende of his terme, vnlesse it be for some reasonable & sufficient cause to be alowed as is aforesaid, or if any seruant at thend of his terme depart frō his said master, maistres, or dames seruice, without one quarters warning geuen before thend of his said terme, in forme aforesaid, & before .ii. lawful witnesses, or if any persō or persōs cōpelable & boūden to be reteiners & to serue in husbandry, or in any other the artes, sciences or misteries aboue remembred, by the yeare or otherwise, do (vpō request made) refuse to serue for ỹ wages that shalbe limitted, rated & appointed according to ỹ forme of this statute, or promise or couenant to serue, & do not serue according to ỹ tenor of ỹ same: that thē euery seruant so departing away, & euery persō so refusing to serue for such wages, vpon complainte thereof made by the master, mastres, or dame of ỹ said seruāt, or by ỹ party to or w̄ whom ỹ said refusal is made, or promis not kept to .ii. Justices of the peace of the countie, or to ỹ Maior or other head officer of citie, borough, towne corporate, & .ii. Aldermen, or .ii. other discrete Burgeses of ỹ same citie, borough or towne corporat, if there be no Aldermē, where the said master, maistres, or dame, or ỹ said partie to or with whom ỹ said refusal is made & promis not kept dwelleth or to either of the said Lordes presidents & counsel of Wales, & the North, the said Justices, lordes presidents & counsels & also ỹ said Maiors or other head offices, & other persons of cities, boroughes or townes corporate, or any of thē, as is aforesaid, shal haue power by force of this statute, to heare & examine the matter, and finding the said seruaunt or the said partie so refusing, faultye in the premisses, vpō such proufes & good matter, as to ther discretiōs shalbe thought

thought sufficient, to committe him or them to warde, there to remaine without baile or mainepryse, vntill the saide seruaunte or partie so offending, shalbe bound to the partie to whom thoffence shalbe made, to serue and continue with him for the wages that then shalbe limitted and appointed, according to the tenor & forme of this estatute, and to be discharged vpon his deliuerie, withoute paying any fee to the gailer where he or they shalbe so imprisoned.

AND be it likewise enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that none of the said reteined persons in husbandry, or in any the artes or sciences aboue remembred, after the time of his reteinoure expired, shal depart forth of one Citie, Towne, or Parish, to another, nor out of the Lath, Rape, Wapentake, or Hundred, nor out of the Countie or Shire, where he last serued, to serue in any other City, Towne corporate, Lathe, Rape, Wapentake, Hundred, Shyre, or Countie, vnlesse he haue a testimoniall vnder the Seale of the said Citie or Towne corporate, or of the Constable or Constables, or other head officer or officers, and of two other honest householders of the Citie, Towne, or Parishe where he last serued, declaring his lawefull departure, and the name of the Shire and place where he dwelled last before his departure, according to the fourme hereafter expressed in this acte, which certificate or testimoniall shalbe written and deliuered vnto the saide seruaunt, and also registred by the Parson, Vicar, or Curate of the parishe where such master, maistres, or dame doth or shall dwell, taking for the doinge therof ii.d. and not aboue, and the fourme thereof shalbe as foloweth:

Memorand. that. A B. late seruante to. C D. of. E. husbandman or Tailour. &c. in the sayde Countie, is licensed to departe from his said maister, and is at his libertie to serue elswhere, according to the Statute in that case made and prouided. In witnes whereof &c. dated the day, month, yeare, and place. &c. of the making therof.

AND be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons that shall depart out of seruice, shalbe retained or accepted into any other seruice, without shewing before his reteinor such testimonial as is aboue remembred, to the chiefe officer of the towne corporat: and in euery other towne & place, to ỹ Constable, Curate, Churchwardē or other head officer of ỹ same where he shalbe reteined to serue, vpon the paine that euery such seruant so departing without such certificat or testimonial, shalbe imprisoned, vntill he procure a testimoniall or certificate, the whiche if he cannot do within the space of. xxi. daies next after the first daye of his imprisonment: then the said person to be whipped and vsed as a vacabounde, according to ỹ lawes in such cases prouided. And ỹ euery person retaining any such seruaunt without shewing suche

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teſtimoniall or tertificate, as is aforeſaide, ſhall forfaite for euery ſuche offence fyue poundes. And yf any ſuche perſon ſhalbe taken with any counterfeit or forged teſtimonial, then to be whipped as a bacabounde.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that all Artificers and Laborers, beyng hyred for wages, by the day or weke, ſhall betwirt the middes of the monethes of Marche and September, be and continue at their worke, at or before fyue of the clocke in the morninge, and continue at worke, and not depart, vntill betwirt ſeuen and eyght of the clocke at night, except it be in the time of breakefaſte, dynner, or drinking, the which times at the moſt, ſhal not excede aboue two houres and a halfe in the day, that is to ſaye, at euery drinking, one halfe howre, for his dyner one howre, and for his ſleepe when he is allowed to ſleepe, the which is from the middeſt of Maye, to the middeſt of Auguſt, halfe an howre at the moſt, and at euery breakfaſt one halfe houre: and all the ſaid Artificers and Laborers, betwene the middeſt of September, and the middeſt of Marche, ſhall be and continue at their worke, from the ſpring of the day in the morning, vntill the night of the ſame day, except it be in time afore apointed for breakfaſt and dynner, vpon paine to loſe and forfaite one peny for euery houres abſence, to be deducted and defalked out of his wages, that ſhall ſo offende.

And be it alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that euery Artificer & laborer, that ſhalbe lawfully reteined in, or for the building or repayring of any Church, houſe, ſhip, milne, or euery other peece of worke taken in great, in taſke, or in groſſe, or that ſhal hereafter take vpon him to make or finiſhe any ſuch thing or worke ſhal continue, and not depart frō the ſame, onles it be for not paying of his wages or hyer agreed on, or otherwiſe lawfully taken or apointed to ſerue the Quenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, or for other lawfull cauſe, or without licenſe of the maſter or owner of the worke, or of him that hath the charge therof, before the finiſhing of the ſaid worke, vpon paine of impriſonment by one moneth without bayle or mainprize, and the forfayture of the ſumme of .v. poundes to the party, frō whom he ſhall ſo depart, for the which the ſaid party may haue his actiō of debt againſt him that ſhal ſo depart, in any of the Quenes maieſties courtes of record, quer and beſides ſuch ordinary coſtes & damages, as may or ought be to be recouered, by the common lawes, for or concerning any ſuch offence. In which action no protection, wager of law, or eſſoigne ſhalbe admitted. And that no other artificer or laborer reteined in any ſeruice, to worke with the Quenes Maieſtie, or any other perſon, departe not from her ſayd

Maiestie, or from the sayde other person, vntill suche time as the worke be finished, yf the person so reteining the artificer or laborer so longe will haue him and paye him his wages, or other dueties, vpon paine of imprisonment of euery person so departing, by the space of one moneth.

And for the declaration and limittation, what wages seruauntes, labourers and artificers, eyther by the yeare or day, or otherwise shal haue and receaue: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliamēt, that the Justices of peace of euery shire, riding and libertie, within the limits of their seuerall commissions, or the more part of them, being then reslaunt within the same, and the Sheriffe of that Countie, if he conueniently may, and euery Maior, Bailiffe, or other head officer within any citie or toune corporate, wherin is any Justice of peace within the limits of the said Citie or towne corporate, and of the sayde corporation, shal before the tenth day of June, next comming, and afterwarde, shall yerely at euery generall Sessions fyrste to be holden and kepte after Easter, or at some time conuenient, within sixe wekes next folowing euery of the said feastes of Easter, assēble them selues together and they (so assembled) calling vnto them suche discret and graue persons of the said Countie, or of the said Citie or towne corporate, as they shall thinke mete, and conferring together, respecting the plenty or scarsitie of the time, and other circumstaunces necessarilie to be considered, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue hereof, within the limittes and precinctes of their seuerall commissions, to limit, rate, and appoint the wages, aswel of such and so many of the said artificers, handicraftesmen, husbandmen, or any other labourer, seruaunt or workemen, whose wages in time paste hath bene by any lawe or statute rated and appointed, as also the wages of all other labourers, artificers, workmen or apprentices of husbandry, which haue not bene rated, as they the same Justices, Maiors, or heade officers within their seuerall commissions or liberties, shall thinke mete by their discressions to be rated, limitted or appointed by the yeare, or by the day, weke, moneth, or otherwise, with meate and drinke, or without meat and drinke, and what wages euery workeman or laborer shall take by the great, for mowing, reaping or threshing of corne and graine, and for mowing or making of Hey, or for ditching, paling, rayling, or hedging by the rodd, perche, lugge, yard, pole, rope, or fote, and for any other kind of reasonable labours or seruice, and shall yerely before the .xii. day of July, next after the said assessement and rates so appointed and made, certify the same, ingrosed in parchmēt with ẏ consideratiōs & causes therof, vnder their hands & seales, into the Quenes most

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honorable Court of Chauncery, wherupon it shalbe lawfull to the lorde Chauncelour of England, or L. keper of the great seale for the time beyng, upon declaration therof to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, or to the Lordes and others of the Priuie Councel, for the time being, attendant upon their persons, to cause to be printed and sent downe before the firste day of September next after the said certificate, into euery County, to the Sheriffe, and Justices of peace there, and to the said Maior, Bailiffes and head officers, tenne or twelue proclamations or more, conteyning in euery of them, the seuerall rates appoynted by the sayde Justices, and other head officers as is aforesayde, with commaundement by the sayde proclamations to all persons, in the name of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, straightly to obserue the same, and to all Justices, Sheriffes, and other officers, to see the same duely and seuerely obserued, upon the paunger of the punishment and forfeytures limitted and appointed by this estatute. Uppon receipt wherof, the sayd Sheriffes, Justices of peace, and the Maior and head officer in euery Citie or Towne corporate, shall cause the same proclamation to be entred of recorde, by the clerke of the peace, or by the clerke of the Citie or Towne corporate: and the saide Sheriffes, Justices, and other the sayde Maior and head officers, shall forthwith in open marhettes, upon the marhette dayes before Michelmas then ensuinge, cause the same proclamation to be proclamed in euery Citie or market town within the limittes of their Commission, and the same proclamation to be fired in some conuenient place of the said Citie and toun, or in suche of the most occupied market townes, as to the sayde Sheriffes, Justices of peace: and to the sayde Maior and head officer shalbe thought mete.

And if the said Sherifes, Justices of peace, or the Maior and head officers, shall at their sayd generall Sessions, or at any time after, within syre weekes then folowing, uppon their assembly and conference together, thinke it conuenient to reteine and kepe for the yere then to come, the rates and proportion of wages, that they certified the yere before, or to chaunge or reforme them, or some parte of them: then they shall before the sayde .xii. daye of July, yerely certifie into the saide Court of Chauncery their resolutions and determinations therin, to the intent that proclamations may accordingly be renued and sente downe. And if it shall happen that there be no nede of any reformation or alteration of the rates of the sayd wages, but that the former shall be thoughte meete to be continued: then the proclamations for the yeare paste, shall remaine in force vntill newe proclamations, upon newe rates con-

terning the saide wages, shalbe sente downe, accordyng to the fourme of this estatute.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if al the said Justices of peace, resiant within the Counties, where they are or shalbe Justices of peace, Maiors and head officers, do not before the tenth day of June next comming, and afterwarde yearely appeare and assemble at the sayde generall Sessions, or within fyre weekes next after the sayd general Sessions, and limitte, and rate the wages of the said seruauntes and labourers, or shall not consider whether the former rates made, be mete to be continued, or to be altered, and reformed in manner and fourme aforesaide, or be negligent, or remisse in the certificate therof in fourme aboue written: that then euery Justice of peace of the Countie, and euery Maior and head officer of the Citie or towne corporate, in whom any such defaulte or negligence shall be founde, beyng within the saide Countie, Citie or Towne corporate, at the tyme of the sayde next assemblie, or at the time of the sayde Sessions, or at the times of the saide rates of wages to be set, within fyre weekes next after euery suche Sessions, and not visited with any suche sickenes, as he coulde not trauell thither without perill and daunger of his lyfe, or not hauing anye other lawfull and good excuse to be allowed by the Justices, then assembled for the ratinge and taxinge of wages, as is aforesayde, or by the more parte of them, vppon a corporall othe and affidauit to be taken and made openly before the sayde Justices vpon the holy Euangelistes, by some credible person, assessed and taxed in the booke of Subsedy of that countie, to the cleare value of fyue poundes at the leaste, or by suche other person as the moost part of suche Justices shall allowe and accept to take suche othe: shall for suche default or negligence, forfeite vnto the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, tenne poundes of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf any person, after the sayde proclamation shalbe so sente downe, & published, shal by any secret waies or menes, directly, or indirectly reteine or kepe any seruaunt, workeman or labourer, or shall geue any more, or greater wages, or other commoditie contrary to the true intente and purport of this statute, or contrary to the rates or wages that shalbe assessed or appoynted in the sayde proclamations: that then euery person that shall so offende, and be thereof lawefully conuicted before any the Justices, or other heade officers aboue remembred, or eyther of the sayde Presidentes and Counselles, shall suffer imprisonment by the space of tenne dayes, without

out bayle or maineprise, and shall lose and forfeite fyue poundes, of lawfull money of England. And that euery person that shal be so reteyned & take wages, contrary to this estatute, or any braunch thereof, or of the saide proclamation, and shalbe thereof conuicted before the Justices aforesayde, or any two of them, or before the Maior, or other head officers aforesaid, shall suffer imprisonment, by the space of.xxi. dayes, without bayle or maineprise. And that euery reteyner, promise, gift, or payment of wages, or other thinge whatsoeuer, contrary to the true meaning of this estatute, and euery writing and bond to be made for that purpose, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any seruaunt, workeman, or labourer, shall wilfully or maliciously make any assault or affray vpon his Maister, Maistres, or dame, or vpon any other, that shall at the time of such assault or affray, haue the charge or ouersight of any such seruaunt, workeman, or labourer, or of the worke wherin the sayd seruaunt, workeman or labourer is appointed or hyred to worke, and being thereof conuicted before any two of the Justices, Maior, or head officer aforesaid, where the said offence is committed, or before eyther of the said Lordes Presidentes and Councell before remembred, by confession of the sayde seruaunt, workeman or labourer, or by the testimony, witnesse, and othe of two honest men: that then euery such offendour shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one hole yere or lesse, by the discretion of two Justices of peace, yf it be without a towne corporate: and if it be within any towne corporate, then by the discretion of the Maior, or head officer of the same towne corporate, with two others of the discretest persons of the same corporation at the least. And if the offence shall require further punishment, then to receaue such other open punishment, so as it extend not to life, nor limme, as the Justices of peace in open Sessions, or the more part of them, or the said Maior, or head officer, and fire or foure at the least, of the discretest persons of the same corporation, before whom the offence shalbe examined, shall thinke conuenient for the qualitie of the said offence so done and committed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that in the time of hey or corne harueste, the Justices of peace, and euery of them, and also the Constable or other head officer of euery township, vpon requeste, & for the auoyding of the losse of any Corne, graine, or hey, shall & may cause al such artificers and persons, as be mete to labour, by the discretions of the said Justices or Constables or other head officers, or by any of them, to serue by the day, for the mowing, reaping, shering, getting, or Juning of corne, graine, and

hey, according to the skill and qualitie of the person, and that none of the said persons shal refuse so to do, vpon payne to suffer imprisonment in the stockes, by the space of two dayes and one nighte. And the Constable of the towne, or other head officer of the same, where the said refusall shalbe made, vpon complaynt to him made, shal haue authoritie by vertue hereof, to set the said offēdour in the stockes, for the time aforesaid, and shall punish him accordingly, vpon paine to lose & forfeit for not doyng therof, the summe of .xl.s.

Prouided also, that all persons of the counties where they haue accustomed to go into other Shires for haruest worke, and hauing at that time no haruest worke sufficient in the same Towne nor countie, where he or they dwelt in the winter then last paste, brynging with him or them a testimoniall vnder the hand and seale of one Justice of the peace of the shyre, or other heade officer of the towne or place that he or they come from, testifying the same, for the which he shall pay not aboue one peny (other then such persons as shalbe reteyned in seruice, according to the fourme of this estatute) may repayre & resort in haruest of hey or corne, from the countreys wherin their dwelling places are, into any other place or Countie, for the onely mowing, reaping and getting of hey, corne and grayne, and for the onely working of haruest workes, as they mighte haue done before the making of this estatute: Any thing herein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that two Justices of the peace, the Maior, or other head officer of any citie borough or towne corporate, & two Aldermen, or two other discret Burgeses of the same citie, borough, or towne corporate, yf there be no Aldermen, shal and may by vertue hereof, appoint any such woman, as is of the age of .xii. yeres, & vnder the age of .xl. yeres, and vnmaried, and forth of seruice, as they shall thinke meete to serue, to be reteyned or serue by the yere, or by the weke or daye, for suche wages, & in such reasonable sort & maner, as they shal thinke mete. And if any such woman shal refuse so to serue, then it shalbe lawful for the said Justices of peace, Maior or head officers, to commit such woman to ward, vntill she shalbe bounden to serue, as is aforesaid.

And for the better aduauncemēt of husbandrie and tillage, and to the intent that such as are fit to be made apprentices to husbandrie, may be bounden therunto: Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery person being an housholder, & hauing and vsing halfe a plough land at the least in tillage: may haue and receaue as an apprentice, any person aboue the age of .x. yeres, and vnder the age of .xviii. yeres, to serue in husbandry, vntill his age of .xxi. yeres at the least, or vntil the age of .xxiii. yeres, as the parties can

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agree, and the saide reteinoure and taking of an apprentice, to be made and done by Indenture.

And be it further enacted, that euery person being an housholder and .xxiiii. yeres old at the least, dwelling or inhabiting, or which shall dwell and inhabite in any Citie or Towne corporate, & vsing and exercising any art, mistery, or manuel occupation there, shal & may after the feast of Saint John Baptist next comming, during the time that he shal so dwel or inhabite in any such citie or towne corporate, and vse and exercise any such art, mistery, or manuel occupation, haue & reteine the sonne of any free man, not occupying husbandry, nor being a labourer, & inhabiting in ỹ same, or in any other citie or towne, that now is or hereafter shalbe & continue incorporate, to serue & be bound as an apprentice, after the custome and order of the Citie of London, for seuen yeres at the least, so as the terme & yeres of such apprentice do not expire or determine afore such apprentice shalbe of the age of .xxiiii. yeres at the least.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shall not be lawfull to any person dwelling in any Citie or Towne corporate, vsing or exercising any of the misteries or craftes of a marchaunt, trafficquing by traffique or trade into any the parties beyonde the Sea, Mercer, Draper, Goldsmith, Iremmonger, Imbroderer or Clothier, that doth or shal put cloth to making & sale, to take any apprentice or seruaunt, to be instructed or taught in any of the artes, occupations, crafts, or misteries, which they or any of them do vse or exercise, except such seruaunt or apprentice be his sonne, or els that the father or mother of such apprentice or seruaunte, shall haue at the time of taking of such apprentice or seruaunt, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of the clere yerely value of .xl.s. of one estate of inheritaunce or free hold, at the least, to be certified vnder the handes & seales of three Justices of the peace, of ỹ shire or shires where the saide landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments do or shall lye, to the Maior, Bailiffe, or other head officers of such Citie or towne corporate, and to be enrolled among the recordes there.

And be it further enacted, that from and after the saide feaste of Saint John the Baptist next, it shalbe laweful to euery person beyng an housholder, and .xxiiii. yeres olde at the least, and not occupying husbandry, nor being a labouret, dwelling or inhabiting, or that shal hereafter dwel or inhabite in any towne not being incorporate, that now is or hereafter shalbe a market towne, so long as the same shalbe weekely vsed & kept as a market towne, & vsinge or exercising anye arte, misterye, or manuel occupation, during the time of his abode there, and so vsing and exercising such arte, mistery, or manuell occupation as afore said, to haue in like manner to

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apprentice or apprentices, the childe or childzen of anye other artificer or artificers, not occupying husbandry, nor being a labourer, which nowe do or hereafter shall inhabite or dwell in the same, or in any other such market towne within the same Shire, to serue as apprentice or apprentices as is aforesaid, to any such arte, mistery, or manuell occupation, as hath bene vsually exercised in any such market towne, where such apprentice shalbe bounde, in maner and fourme aboue saide.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shall not be lawfull to any person, dwelling or inhabiting in any such market towne, vsing or exercising the feate, mistery or art of a marchaunt, trafficquing or trading into the parties beyond the Seas, Mercer, Draper, Goldsmith, Ironmonger, Imbroderer, or Clothier, that doeth or shall put cloth to making and sale, to take anye apprentice, or in any wise to teache or instruct any person in the artes, sciences, or misteries laste before recited, after the feast of S. Iohn Baptist aforesaid, except such seruaunt or apprentice shalbe his sonne, or els that the father or mother of such apprentice shall haue landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, at the time of taking of suche apprentice, of the clere yerely value of three poundes, of one estate of inheritaunce of free holde, at the least, to be certified vnder the handes & seales of three Justices of the peace, of the shyre or shyres where the saide landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes do or shall lye, to the head officers or head officer of such market towne, where such apprentice or seruaunt shalbe taken, there to be enrolled by such head officer, alwaies to remaine of recorde.

And be it further enacted, that from and after the saide feaste it shalbe lawfull to any person vsing or exercising the art or occupation of a Smith, Whelewright, Ploughwright, Millwright, Carpenter, rough Mason, Plasterer, Sawier, Lime burner, Brickemaker, Brichlaier, Tiler, Slater, Helier, Tilemaker, Linnen weauer, Turner, Couper, Millers, Earthen potters, Woollen Weauer: weauing huswifes or housholde cloth onely & none other cloth, Fuller otherwise called Tucker or Walker, burner of Ore and woade ashes, Thatcher or Shingler, whereseuer he or they shall dwel or inhabite, to haue or receaue the sonne of any person as apprentice in maner and fourme aforesaid, to be taught & instructed in these occupations only, & in none other, albeit the father or mother of anye such apprentice haue not any landes, tenemẽts, nor herditamẽts.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that after the first day of May next cõming, it shal not be lawfull to any person or persons, other then such as nowe do lawfully vse or exercyse any art, mistery, or manuell occupation, to set vp, occupie, vse, or exercise

exercise any craft, mistery or occupatiō, now vsed or occupied within the Reime of Englād or Wales, except he shal haue ben brought vp therin seuen yeres at the least as apprentice, in maner & fourme aboue said, nor to set any persō on worke in such mistery, art, or occupation being not a workman at this day, except he shal haue ben apprentice, as is afore said, or els hauing serued as an apprētice, as is afore said, shal or wil become a Iourneyman, or be hired by ye yere, vpon paine that euery person willingly offending, or doing the cōtrary, shal forfeit and lose for euery default. xl.s. for euery moneth.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the auctoritie afore said, that no person or persons, vsing or exercising the art or mistery of a wollen cloth weuer, other thē such as be inhabiting within the counties of Cumberland, Westmerland, Lancaster & Wales weauing frizes, Cottons, or houswifes cloth onelye, making and weuing wollen cloth, commonly sold, or to be sold by any cloth mā or clothier: shal take and haue any apprentice, or shal teache, or in any wise instruct any person or persons, in the science, art or occupation of weuing afore said, in any village, towne or place (Cities, townes corporat, and market tounes only except) vnlesse such person be his son, or els that the father or mother of such apprentice or seruant, shal at the time of the taking of suche person or persons to be an apprentice or seruant, or to be so instructed, haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to the clere yeresly value of three poundes, at the least, of an estate of inheritaunce or freholde, to be certified vnder the handes and seales of three Iustices of the peace, of the Shire or shires where the saide landes, tenements, & other hereditamentes, do or shal lye. The effect of the indenture, to be registred within three monthes, in the parish where such master shall dwell, and to paye for such registring. iiii.d. vpon paine of forfeiture of. xx.s. for euery moneth that any person shall otherwise take any apprentice, or set any such person on worke, contrarye to the meaning of this article.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie afore said, that all and euery person or persons, that shal haue three apprentices in any of the said crafts, misteries, or occupations, of a clothmaker, Fuller, Shereman, Weuer, Tailor or shomaker, shall retaine and kepe one Iourneiman, and for euery other apprentice, aboue the number of the said three apprentices, one other Iourneiman, vpon paine for euery default therin ten poundes.

Prouided alwaies, that this act nor any thing therin conteined, shall not extende to preiudice or hinder anye liberties heretofore graunted by any act of Parliament, to or for the company and occupation of Worstedmakers, and Worsted weuers, within the citye of Norwich

of Norwich, and els where, within the County of Northfolk, which liberties be in force, vntil the beginning of this present Parliamēt: Any thing herein conteined to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that if any person shalbe requyred by any houlholder, hauing and vsing halfe a plough land, at the least in tillage, to be an apprentice, and to serue in hus bandry, or in any other kind of art, mistery, or science before expressed, and shal refuse so to do: that then vpon the complaint of such housekeper made to one Justice of the peace, of the County wherin the said refusal is or shalbe made, or of such houlholder inhabiting in any Citie, towne corporate, or market towne, to ỹ Maior, Bailiffes, or hed officer of the said Citie, towne corporat, or market towne, if any such refusal shal there be, they shal haue ful power & auctoritie by vertue hereof to sende for the same persō so refusing. And if the said Justice, or the said Maior or head officer shal thinke the said person mete and cōueniēt to serue as an apprentice in that art, labor, science or mistery wherin he shalbe so then required to serue: That then the said Justice, or the said Maior or head officer, shal haue power and auctority by vertue hereof, if the said person refuse to be bound as an apprentice, to commit him vnto warde, there to remaine vntill he be contented, and wilbe bounden to serue as an apprentice shoulde serue, according to the true intent and meaning of this present act.

And if any such master shal misuse or euil intreate his apprentice, or that the said apprentice shal haue any iust cause to complaine, or the apprentice do not his duetie to his master: Thē the said master, or prentice, being greued and hauing cause to complaine, shall repaire vnto one Justice of peace within the said Countie, or to the Maior or other head officer of the Citie, towne corporate, market towne, or other place where the said master dwelleth, who shall by his wisdome and discretion take such order and directiō betwene the said master and his apprentice, as the equitie of the cause shall require. And if for want of good conformitie in the said master, the saide Justice of the peace, or the said Maior, or head officer, can not compound & agre the matter betwene him and his apprentice: thē the said Justice or the saide Maior, or other head officer, shall take bond of the said master, to appere at the nert Sessions, then to be holden in the said County, or within the said Citie, toune corporat, or market towne, to be before the Justices of the said Coūtie, or the Maior or head officer of the said towne corporat, or market toune, if the said master dwel within any such, and vpon his apperaunce, & hering of the matter before the said Justices, or ỹ saide Maior or other head officer, if it be thought mete vnto them, to discharge the

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said apprentice of his apprenticehod, that then the saide Justices or four of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, or the saide Maior or other hed officer, with the consent of tyre other of his brethren, or men of best reputation within the said Citie, towne corporate or market towne: shal haue power by auctority hereof, in writing vnder their handes & seales, to pronounce & declare that they haue discharged the said apprentice of his apprenticehode, and the cause therof, and the saide writing so being made & inrolled by the clerke of the peace, or town clerke, amõges the records ẏ he kepeth, shalbe a sufficiẽt discharge for ẏ said apprentice against his master his executours and administrators, the indenture of ẏ said apprẽticehode, or any law or custome to ẏ contrary not wtstanding. And if the default shalbe found to be in the apprentice, then the said Justices, or the saide Maior, or other head officer, with the assistentes aforesaid, shal cause such due correctiõ & punishmẽt to be ministred vnto him, as by their wisdome & discretions shalbe thought mete. Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctorities of this presente Parliament, that no person shall by force or colour of this estatute, be bounden to enter into any apprenticeship, other then such as be vnder the age of xxi. yeres. And to thende that this estatute maye from time to time be carefully and diligently put in good execution according to the tenure and true meaning thereof.

Be it enacted by auctorities of this present Parliament, that the Justices of peace of euery County, deuiding themselues into seuerall limittes, and likewise euery Maior and head officer of any Citie or towne corporate, shal yerely betwene the feast of S. Michael the Archangel, & the Natiuitie of our Lord, and betwene the feast of the Annuntiation of our Lady, and the feast of the Natiuitie of Sainct John the Baptist, by al such waies and wenes, as to their wisdomes shalbe thought most mete, make a speciall and diligente inquirie of the braunches and articles of this estatute, and of the good execution of the same, and wher they shall find any defaults, to see the same seuerely corrected and punished, without fauoure, affection, malice or displeasure.

And in consideration of the paines and trauel that the said Justices of peace, and the saide Maior and head officer, shal take & sustaine, in, and about the executiõ of this estatute, it is further ordeined and enacted, by auctority of this present Parliament, ẏ euery Justice of peace, Maior, or head officer, for euery day that he shal sit in & about the executiõ of this estatute, shal haue allowed vnto him fiue shillinges, to be leuied and paide vnto him, or vnto the saide Maior or hed officer, of the fines and forfeitures of the paines and penalties that shalbe forfeited, & due vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres

her heyres or successoures, by force of this estatute, in such maner & forme, as the saide Justices haue bene heretofore cõmonly paid for their comming & charges at the quarter Sessions, so that the sitting of the said Justices or Maior, or head officer, be not at any one time aboue .iii. daies, and for the matters cõteined in this estatute.

Confirmed at a Gen^ll Court

And be it enacted by auctho^ritie afore^said, that the one half of al forfaitures and penalities, expressed and mentioned in this statute, other then such as are expressly otherwise appointed, shalbe to our soueraigne Lady the Quenes Maiesty, her heires and successors, and the other moitie to him or them that shall sue for the same, in any of the Quenes Maiesties Courtes of record, or before any of the Justices of Oier and terminer, or before any other Justices or President, and counsell before remembred, by action of debt, Information, bill of complainte, or otherwise: in which actions or suites, no protection, wager of law, or essoigne shalbe alowed, & that the said Justices or two of them, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, and the said Presidentes and Counsell as is afore^saide, and the said Maiors, or other head officers of Citie or townes corporate, shall haue full power and auctho^ritie to heer and determine al and euery offence & offences, that shalbe committed or done against this estatute, or against any hauncbe therof, aswell vpon indictment to be taken before them, in the Sessions of the peace, as vpon Informatiõ, action of debt, or bill of complaint, to be sued, or exhibited by any person. And shall, and maye by vertue hereof, make proces against the defendant, and award execution, as in any other case they lawfully may by any the lawes & statutes of this Realme, and shal yerely in Michelmas terme, certifie by estreat the fines and forfeytures of euery the offences conteined in this estatute, that shalbe founde before them, into the court of the Exchequer, in like sort and forme, as they be bound to certifie the estreates for other offences and forfaitures to be lost before them. Any thing in this statute conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwaies, that this act or anye thing therein conteined or mẽtioned, shal not be preiuditial or hurtful to the Cities of London and Norwich, or to the lawfull liberties, blages, customes, or priuileges of the same cities, for or cõcerning the hauing or taking of any apprentice or apprentices, but that the Citizens & freemen of the same Cities, shall and may take, haue and reteine apprentices there, in such maner and forme, as they might lawefully haue done before the making of this statute: This acte or anye thinge therein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it also further enacted, that all Indentures, couenantes profittes, and bargaines, of, or for the hauing, taking, or keping of

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any apprentice, otherwise hereafter to be made or taken then is by this statute limitted, ordeined and appointed, shalbe clerely voyd in the lawe to all intentes & purposes, and that euery person, that shal from henceforth take, or newely reteyne any apprentice, contrarie to the tenour and true meaning of this acte, shall forfeit and lose for euery apprentice so by him taken, the summe of.x.li.

And bicause there hath bene, and is some question and scrupule moued whether any person, being within the age of.xxi.yeres, and bounden to serue as an apprentice, in any other place, thē in the said Citie of Londō, should be bounden, accepted, & takē as an apprētice

For the resolution of the saide scruple and doubt: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery such person or persons, that at any time or times, from henceforth shalbe bounden by Indenture, to serue as an apprentice, in any arte, science, occupation or labor, according to the tenor of this statute, and in maner and fourme aforesaid, albeit the same apprentice, or any of them, shall be within the age of.xxi.yeres, at the time of making of their seuerall Indentures: shalbe bounden to serue for the yeres in their seueral Indentures conteined, as amplie and largely to euery intent, as if the same apprentice were of full age at the time of the making of such Indentures: Any lawe, vsage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the inhabitaunts nowe dwelling or inhabiting, or that hereafter shal dwell or inhabite within the towne of Godalming, within the countie of Surrey, within the limittes of the watche of the sayde towne, may vse and exercise such artes, misteries, and occupations, and take and vse apprentices and seruantes, in such maner and fourme, as the inhabitauntes within market townes by this statute may lawfully do.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that al maner amerciamentes, fines, issues, and forfeitures, which shal rise, grow, or come by reason of any offences or defaultes mentioned in this act, or any braunch therof, within any Citie or town corporate, shalbe leuied, gathered & receaued by such person or persons of the same Citie or toune corporate, as shalbe appointed by ỹ Maior or other head officers mentioned in the said acte, to the vse and mayntenaūce of the same Citie or town corporate, in such case and condition, as any maner other amerciaments, fines, issues or forfeitures haue ben vsed to be leuied & imployed within the same Citie or toune corporate, by reason of any graunt or charter frō the Quenes Maiestie that now is, or of any her graces noble progenitours, made and graunted to the same Citie, borough, or town corporate

porate, any thing or clause before mentioned and expressed in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this act, or any thing therin conteyned, shal not extend to any lawfull reteyninges or couenauntes, had or made before the making of this act, but that all and euery the parties to such reteyninges or couenauntes, shal & may haue the same and like auauntages of such reteininges and couenauntes, and of the statutes heretofore in that behalfe prouided, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made: Any cause of repeal or other matter what soeuer in this act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that if any seruant or apprentice of husbandry, or of any art, science, or occupation afore said, vnlawfully depart or flie into any other Shire that it shalbe lawful to the sayd Justices of peace, and to the saide Maiors, Bailifes, and other head officers of Cities and townes corporate, for the time being Justices of peace there, to make and graunte writtes of Capias, so many and such as shalbe nedeful to be directed to ỹ Sheriffes of the counties, or to other head officers of the places, whither such seruantes or apprentices shal so depart or flee, to take their bodies returnable before thẽ, at what time shal please them, so that if thei come by such proces, that they be put in prison till they shal find sufficient suerty, wel and honestly to serue their maisters, maistresses, or dames, from whom they so departed or fled, according to the order of the lawe.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawfull to the high Constables of hundredes in euery Shire, to hold, kepe, & continue petie Sessions, otherwise called statute Sessions within the limits of their auctorities, in al Shires wherin such Sessions haue bene vsed to be kepte, in suche maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed, so as nothing be by them done therein contrary or repugnaunt to this present Acte.

## An Acte touching certeine politique constitutions, made for the maintenaunce of the Nauie.

### The. v. Chapter.

FOR THE better mainteinaunce and encrease of the Nauie of this Realme of England: Be it enacted by the Quenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Cõmons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctorities afore said, that from the first day of Aprill

Aprill, Anno Domini. M.D.lviii. and so from thence fourth it shalbe lawfull to all and euery of the subiectes of our soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heires & successours, at his & their will & pleasure to carry and transport out of this Realme, in the Shippes or other vessells of any the subiectes aforesaid, all and euery kindes of herring & other Sea fishe, to be taken vpon the seas by any of the subiectes aforesaid (any acte of Parliament or lawe to the contrary notwithstanding) and that all and euery person & persons, which shall by vertue of this acte transport or carry any herringes or other Sea fishe, fro or out of any port or haborough of this realm, to any place out of the Dominions of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, shalbe free from paiment of any custome, subsidy or pondage money for the same fishe so caried or transported, during the space of iiii. whole yeres, beginning at the said first day of Aprill. M.D.lviii. and so further during her Maisties pleasure.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that from the first day of Maye next comming, it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons in any port, citie, towne, market or other place within this Realme, to sell, utter, make any exchaunge, or take, or demaund tolle or rate of any Sea fishe to be brought into this realme or any part therof, being taken by any of the subiectes aforesaid, in the Shippes or other vesselles of the same subiectes, vpon payne to euery person offending contrary to the meaning hereof, to forfeit the value of the fish so sold, rayned, paied, taken, or vttered. Any liberties, custome, graunt, priuiledge or other matter, what soeuer to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this present acte, nor any thinge therin conteyned, shall be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the Maior and Burgesses of the Kinges towne vpon Hull, or their successours, Maiors and Burgesses of the same towne, or to any other officers in either of the same towne at any time hereafter, but that they and euery of them may receyue, haue and take all and euery such fyne, tolle, customes, and summes of money of all and euery such person and persons, as is limitted, appointed and sett forth by them to be taken, in an acte of Parliament made in the first yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Lord King Henry the eight. And that neither the said Maior and Burgesses of Kingston vpon Hull, nor any inhabitaunt there, or any of them, shall in any maner of wise be [illegible] for the cariage of any [illegible] beyond the Sea, any thing in this present acte conteyned, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte or any thinge therin conteyned, shall not extende to any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, or their successours, which haue or claime to haue any liberties, franchises, priuiledges, or customes, by reason of any graunt or prescription, or by any acte of Parliament, or otherwise, shall from the said first day of Aprill, by

vertue of any commission, or otherwise, take any hearring or Sea fishe from any of the subiectes afore mentioned, that shall take the same in the Shippes or other vessels of the saide subiectes, as it is aboue saide, or otherwise then by agreement of the owners, or sellers of the same fishe, vpō paine for euery pursuer & other person whatsoeuer offending contrary to the tenour of this act, to forfeit the double value of the hearringes or fishe so to be taken. And it shalbe lawfull for any person, being owner or seller of any such Sea fish so taken as is aforesaid, to withstand any person that shall (by any colour of pursueying or otherwise) demaund any such fish, or the tolle of any such fishe without the good will of the owner or seller as aforesaid.

Prouided, that the fishe called Composition fish, heretofore graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the subiectes of this Realme, trauelling into Iseland, shalbe taken by her Maiesties officers and pursuetours, in such sort as the same hath bene lawfully vsed to be taken before the making of this act: and sauing to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and to all other persons, suche fishes as be knowen and vsed to be called Regal fishes, wherunto her Maiestie, or the said other persons, haue, or shall haue right or interest for such recompence as heretofore hath bene accustomed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that from the said first day of Aprill, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God M.D.lviii. it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons to bye of any stranger borne out of the Queenes Maiesties obeysaunce, or out of any straungers bottome, any hearring, being not sufficiently salted, packed and Casked, vpon paine to euery person and persons so bying, to forfeite the hearringes so by him or them to be bought, or the value therof: Prouided alwaies, that this braunche of this act shall not extend to any hearringes to be bought, which by reason of shipwracke shalbe brought into this Realme, but that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person and persons, to bye all such hearringes so brought in by shipwracke as aforesaid, as he or they lawfully might haue done before the making of this act: Any thing in this act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that from the feast of saint John Baptist next ensuing, it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons, to cause to be laden and caried in any bottom or bottomes where any stranger or straungers borne, then be owners, shipmasters, or part owners, any kind of fishe, victuall, wares, or thinges of what kinde or nature soeuer the same shalbe, from one Hauen or porte of this Realme, to an other porte or hauen of the same Realme, vpon paine to euery one that shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this braunce of this present act, to forfeite

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all the goodes so laden or carried, or the value therof. And that from henceforth all English Hoyes & Flats may crosse the Seas, as far as Caen in Normandy, and Eastwarde as farre as Norwey: The Statute made in the fyrst yere of the Quenes Maiesties reigne to the contrary herof, notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as there is much deceiptful pacching vsed in Cod and Linges, brought in barrels or other caske into this Realme: Be it therfore enacted by thauctho'itie aforesaid, that from & after the first day of Aprill, in the yere of our Lorde God M.D.lviii. it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons, to bringe into this Realme any Cod or Linges in barrels or other caskes: but louse in bulke, and by tale to be solde within this Realme: vpon paine for euery one that shall offende contrary to the tenor herof, to forfeit all the Cod and Linges so to be brought in, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted, that from the feast of S. Michaell the Archangel next following, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall bryng into this Realme of England or any part of the same, any wine, cõming out of any the dominions or countries belonging to the Crowne of Fraunce, or any woad called Tholosse woad, in any other vessel or vessels, but onely in suche vessell and vessels wherof some subiect or subiectes of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, shalbe then only owner or part owner, vpon payne to forfait all wines and woad brought contrary to the meaning herof, according to the meaning of an estatute made in the time of the reigne of King Henry the seuenth, concerning wine of the Duchie of Gascon & Guyon (Except that ther may be brought into Wales, or any port within the Countie of Monmouth Rochel wines.)

Be it also enacted by thauctho'itie afore said, that frõ henceforth it shalbe lawfull to al and euery owner & owners of shippes or vessels, and to euery housholder, vsing and exercising the trade of the Seas, by fishing or otherwise, and to euery Gonner or Gonners, comonly called Canoners, and to euery shipwright, to take & kepe one or more apprentice or apprentices, to be brought vp in the sayd trade or trades: euery of the same apprentice or apprentices, to be to them bounde for ten yeres or vnder. And euery apprentice so taken, being aboue vii. yeres of age, shalbe by the same couenaunters bounde, ordered, & vsed, to all intentes, according to the customs of the Citie of London, so that the same couenaunt or bond of apprentishyp be made by writing indented, and inrolled in the towne where the same apprentice shalbe then inhabited, yf it be a towne corporate: and if the towne be not encorporate, then to be enrolled in the next towne encorporate to the habitation of euery suche apprentice. And that the officers of euery such towne corporate shall

take for euery such enrollement not aboue .xii.d. Any lawe, statute, or other matter whatsoeuer to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that so muche of the Statute, made in the .v. and .vi. yeres of the late kyng Edwarde the sixth, intituled an Act against Regrators, Forestallers, & Ingrocers: And so much of all other Estatutes against al Regrators, Forestallers, and Ingrocers, as doth and may concerne the bying of Sea fishe vnsalted, or mudde fyshe, or any wine, oyle, or salte, to be taken & brought in any Englishe subiectes shippes, crayers, or other vessell, into any Porte, Creeke, or place of this Realme: shall from henceforth to all intentes, constructions and purposes, be vtterly repelled and voyde, for so muche of the sayde oyles, wine, Sea fishe, mudde fyshe, and salte, as any byer or byers, vppon the Sea by waye of forestalling or regrating, shall and do bying and discharge in any Porte or hauen within this Realme. And for encrease of prouision of fishe by the more vsuall and common eating therof: Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that from the feaste of Saint Michaell the Archaungell in the yere of our Lorde God M.D.lxiiii. euery Wednesday in euery weeke throughe the whole yere, whiche heretofore hath not by the lawes or customes of this Realme bene vsed and obserued as a fyshe day, and which shal not happen to fall in Christmas weeke, or Easter weeke: shalbe hereafter obserued and kepte as the Saterdaies in euery weeke be or ought to be. And that no maner of person shall eate any flesshe on the same daye, otherwise then ought to be vpon the common Saterday.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, for the benefite & cõmodities of this Realm, to grow aswel in maintenaunce of the Nauie, as in sparing & encrease of fleth, victual of this Realme: that from & after the feast of Pentecost next cõming, it shall not be lawefull to any person or persons within this Realme, to eate any flesshe vpon any daies now vsually obserued as fishe daies, or vpon any wednesday now newly limitted to be obserued as fish day, vpõ paine þ euery person so offending herein shal forfeit .iii.li. for euery time he or they shal offend, or els suffer three monthes close imprisonment without bayle or mainprise. And euery person or persons within whose house any such offence shalbe done, & being priuie or knowing therof, & not effectually punishing or disclosing the same to some publique officer, hauing auctoritie to punishe the same, for euery such offence to forfait .xl.s. All whiche forfaitures for not abstayning from meates, shalbe deuided into three equall partes: That is, one parte to the vse of the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, the other part to the informer, the thyrde to

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the common vse of the parishe, where the offence is or shalbe committed, and to be levyed by the Churchwardens, after any conuiction in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that this Acte nor anye thing therin contained, concerning eating of flesshe, shall in anye wise extend to any person or persons that shall hereafter haue any speciall licence, vpon causes to be conteined in the said licence, and to be graunted according to the lawes of this Realme in such cases prouided. All and euerye whiche saide licence and licences shalbe voide to al intentes, vnlesse the same conteine the conditions hereafter mentioned: That is to saye, euery licence made to any person or persons, being of the degree of a Lord of Parliament, or of their wiues, shalbe vpon condition, that euery such person so to be licenced, shall pay to the poore mens boxe within the parishe where they shall dwell or remaine, in the feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Marye, or within .vi. daies after the same feast .xvi.s. viii.d. The same to be paid within one moneth next after the same feast, vpon paine of forfeiture of euery such licence. And euerye licence to any person of the degree of a knight, or a knights wife, shalbe vpon condition, that euery such person so licenced, shal pay yerely .xiii.s. iiii.d. to the vse aforesaid, and in forme afore mentioned. And euery licēce to any persō or persons being vnder ye degrees aboue said, shalbe vpon condition, that euery such person so licenced, shall pay yerely .vi.s. viii.d. to the said vse, and in forme afore mentioned. Prouided alwaies, that no licence shall extende to the eating of any Beefe at any time of the yere, nor to the eating of any Weale in any yere, from the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell, vntill the first day of May.

Prouided also, that all persons which by reason of notorious sickenes, shalbe enforced for recouery of health to eate flesshe for the time of their sickenes, shalbe sufficiently licenced by the Bishop of the diocese, or by the Parson, Vicar, or Curat of the parishe where such person shalbe sicke, or of one the next parish adioining, yf the said Parson, Vicar, or Curat of his or their owne parish be wilful, or if there be no Curate within the same parish. Which licence shal be made in writing, signed with the hand of the Bishop of the dioces, or of the Parson, Vicar, or Curate, and not endure longer thē the time of the sickenes. And yf the sickenes shal continue aboue the space of .viii. daies after such licence graunted, then the licence shal be registred in the Church booke, with the knowledge of one of the Churchwardens, and the partie licenced shall geue to the Curate foure pence for thentry therof, and that licence to endure no longer

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but only for the time of his, her, or their sickines. And if any licence by any Parson, Vicar, or Curat, be graunted to any person or persons, other then such as euidently appere to haue nede thereof, by reason of their sickenes not only euerye suche licence shalbe voyde, but also euery such Parson, Curate or Vicar, shal forfeit for euery such licence otherwise graunted, fiue markes.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that all licences heretofore graunted to any subiect of this Realme, by any of the late kynges, or by the late Quene Mary, or by the Quenes Maiestie nowe being, or by any Archbishop of this Realme, hauing authoritie so to do, shalbe of like good force in law for the Wednesday now limited, and other accustomed fishe daies, as they were before the making of this Acte for the saide other accustomed fishe daies, so as the parties licensed, do hereafter obserue all such conditions as be limitted in this statute, to such as hereafter shall obteine anye licences. And such persons also as heretofore were or ought to be licensed by reason of age, or other impediment or cause, by order of the Ecclesiasticall lawes, shall enioye the same priuiledge and accustomed licences. Any thing in this Acte to the contrary hereof, in anye wise notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that no forfeiture of Ship, Crayer, or other vessell, or of anye apparell of the same, nor any other penaltie or forfaiture, shalbe extended or goo vpon against any owner or owners of any Ship, Crayer, or other vessell, for the transporting or carrying of any Wheate or other corne, or thinges prohibited by the statute made in the Parliament holden the first and seconde yeres of king Philip and Quene Mary, vnlesse the same owner or owners shalbe wittinge, knowinge, aidinge or consenting to the prohibited transporting or carrying. The saide statute or any thing therin mentioned to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which be or shalbe by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, or otherwise, authorised to sell wines by retaile, in the seuerall Countyes and places where they be or shalbe so authorised: shall and may from hence forthe sell the saide wines by pinte, quarte, pottell, gallon, or otherwise, at such price or prices, and in suche fourme as shalbe limitted by the Quenes Maiesties proclamation in that countie or place made with the assent of such Lords and other persons, as by the Statute made in the xxviii yere of the reigne of King Henry the eight, were authorised to sette price vppon wynes in grosse,

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without any paine or forfeiture for the same. Anye lawe, vsage, or estatute heretofore made, or had to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the auethoritie of this presente Parliament, that from & after the feast of saint Michael the Archangel next comming: it shalbe lawefull to all and euery person and persons, being subiectes of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, only out of such portes or creekes, as by the Quenes Maiesties proclamatiō hereafter shalbe published and appointed, & not els where, to lode, carrye or transport anye Wheate, Rye, Barley, Malte, Pease or beanes, into any partes beyond the Seas, to sell as a marchaundise, in shippes, Craiers, or other vessels, whereof any English borne subiect then shalbe the only owners, so that the price of the saide Cornes or graines so caried or transported, excede not the prices hereafter folowing, at the times, hauens, and places where and when the same Corne or graine shalbe shipped or laden: *Vide*, the quarter of wheat at. x. s. the quarter of Rye, Pese or Beanes, at. viii. s. the quarter of Barley or malt at. vi. s. viii. d. of curraunt money of England: Any lawe, vsage, or estatute heretofore made to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where doubt hath heretofore bene, whether the statute in the. xviii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the. vi. heretofore made against Souldiours reteined, which depart from their Captaines without license, did or ought to extend vnto Mariners & gonners seruing on the Seas, taking wages of the king or Quene of this Realme. Be it expressed, ordeined, enacted and declared, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the said estatute made in the said. xviii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the. vi. in all paines, forfeitures and other thinges, did, doth, and hereafter shal extend, aswel to all and euery Mariner and gonner, hauing taken or shall hereafter take prest or wages to serue the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, to all intentes and purposes, as the same did or doth vnto any souldier: Any diuersities of opinion, doubt, matter, or thing to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where an estatute concerning sowing of flaxe and hempe, was made and prouided in the Parliament holden the. xxiiii. yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight, to be vniuersall through euery Countie of this Realme, for the better prouision of nettes, for helpe and furtheraunce of fishinge, and for eschewing of Idlenes.

Be it ordeined & enacted by auethoritie of this present Parliamēt, ẏ in euery such Countie of this realme, or part of such County where, by the Quenes Maiesties proclamation it shal hereafter be

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published, the said statute to be commodious or profitable for the
common wealth, the said statute, and every clause, article & provi-
sion therin conteined, be and shalbe reteined, and stand in full force
and strength to be executed and performed, from the feast of Saincte
Michaell the Archangell next comming, in all thinges, other then
in the proportion of a Roode, or fourth part of an acre, & in the paine
of iii.s. iiii.d. by the said statute limitted. In place whereof be it or-
deined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in every Shire
and degree, where by the said former statute, one Roode or fourth
parte of an acre is limited to be fowne with lande, otherwise
then lande, or hempelande, from the said feast of Saint Michaell the
Archangell next comming: In lieu and stede of the said Roode
of Arn. parte of an acre, one whole acre, or lesse, as by proclamation
in fourme aforesaid shalbe limited, shalbe sowen with lande, or
otherwise then lande, or hempelande, vppon paine of forfeiture of syx
poundes, for euery such default or offence.

And further be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie afore-
saide, that all and euery such of the offences before mentioned, as
hereafter shalbe done on the maine Sea or floddes of the Sea, be-
ing no part of the bodie of any Countie of this Realme, & without
the precinct, iurisdiction and libertie of the Cinque portes, & out
of any hauen or porte: shalbe tried and determined before the Lord
Admirall of England, or his Lieutenant, deputie, or deputies, and
other Iustices of Oyer and terminer, according to the fourme of the
said statute of Anno xxvii. Henr. viii. for thefts of piracy. And if
the same shalbe done on the maine Sea, or floddes of the Sea, with-
in the iurisdiction or libertie of the Cinque portes, & out of any hauen
or porte: then the same to be tried and determined before the saide
Lord warden of the saide Cinque portes, or his Lieutenant, or
Iudge, or before Iustices of Oyer and terminer, according to the
fourme of the said statute of Anno xxvii. Henry viii. for rob-
bes of piracie. And for all and singuler such other of the offences be-
fore mentioned, as shalbe done in the land, or within any hauen or
porte: all Iustices of the peace in their Sessions and Gaiols, She-
riffes & Bailifes, & other head officers in Cities and townes corpo-
rate in their Sessions, or other Courtes holden by liberties of their of-
fices, commissions or auctorities that haue full power and auctoritie to in-
quire of the offenders of this acte aforesaid by the oathes of twelue men, as
other felonies by the statute and auncyent vsages of this Realme are and determined the
same. And if any person or persons shalbe presented before the said
Iudges, Iustices, or other vnder the limitacion of their auctorities,
or any like auctoritie geuen to them of any offender touching this acte, if
then they that haue full power and auctoritie vpon any such presente-
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ment, or Information to make proces against the offenders of this act, like as is commonly vsed vpon enditements of Trespasse. And if any be presented, and afterwarde be conuicted by confession, or otherwise, that then euery suche person suffer no lesse forfeiture or punishmente then herein is before limitted: All whiche forfeitures to be leuied, in maner and fourme folowing. That is to saye such forfeitures concerning eating of flesshe, as are before limitted to certaine vses, to be to the same vses in that behalfe before expressed, & al such forfaitures, as according to the tenor of this acte shalbe determinable before the said Judges, Justices, or other officers of the Admiralties aforesaid, or before commissioners of Oier & terminer in that behalf, shalbe to the vse of the Lord Admiral of England, or Lord warden of the Sinque ports wher such offence shal be presented, or where as the Jurisdiction of the cause shall appertaine. And al such forfeitures, as according to the tenor of this act, shalbe determinable before Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, or other head officers of Cities or townes corporat, shalbe to the cōmon vse of the Corporation of ỹ said Citie or towne corporat, where such offences shalbe presented, or wheras the Jurisdictiō of the cause shal appertaine. And al such forfeitures, as according to the tenour of this acte, shalbe determinable before the Justices of the peace, shal be to the vse of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires & successours. And if any person shalbe conuict by confession, or otherwise vpō any information, made by any person or persons against any offender or offenders, of this acte, in any cause (saue for the eating of flesh, first before specially limitted) that then euery such person so conuict vpon any Information, shal lose such forfeiture as is before limitted the one halfe therof to be to such as shal make the Information, & the other halfe to those which vpon presentment, without speciall Information, are before limitted to haue the whole forfeiture. And that for the leuying of euery forfeiture growing by this statute, alwel the said Lord Admiral of England, Lord warden of the Sinque portes, their Lieuetenanantes and Judges, as the said Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes and other head officers within the limittes of their Commissions or aucthorities haue and shall haue full power and aucthoritie to make such proces, as they shall thinke good by their discretions.

Prouided alwaies, that none Information at the suite of anye person concerning this Acte, shalbe of any effect to put anye person to aunswere or losse of forfeiture, excepte the said Information be commenced within halfe a yere next after the offence done contrary to this act, nor that any Information or presentment for the Quenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, or for the Admirall, warden

warden of the Sinque portes, Maiors, or other officers aforesayd be of any effecte, to put any person to any aunswer or losse of anye forfaiture by vertue of this acte, excepte the saide informacion or presentment be within one yeare nexte after the offence done and committed contrary to this acte.

Prouided and be it likewise enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to any person or persons, to haue at his or their table vpō euery wednesday, being ordered by this estatute to be obserued as a fish day, one onely vsual competent dish of flesh, of one kinde and no mo, so that he, she, or they haue also serued to the same table and meale at the same meale, three ful competent vsual dishes of Sea fish, of sundry kindes, either fresh or salte, and that withoute fraude or couin, and so shal also order, that the same fishe be mete and seasonable, and that it shalbe eaten or spent in like maner, as vppon Fridaies or Saterdaies in like cases are vsed.

AND that also such persons as haue, or hereafter shal haue vppon good and iust considerations, any lawful licence to eat flesh vpon any fish day (except such persons, as for sickines shal for ȳ time be licensed by the Bishop of the dioces, or by their Curates, or shal be licensed by reason of age, or other impedimēt alowed heretofore by the Ecclesiasticall lawes of this Realme) shalbe bound by force of this statute, to haue for euery one dishe of flesh serued to be eaten at their table, one vsuall dishe of Sea fishe, freshe or salt, to be likewise serued at the same table, and to be eaten or spente without fraud or couin, as the like kind is, or shalbe vsually eaten or spente on Saterdaies.

AND that these two articles and clauses next aboue, shalbe taken and interpreted from time to time, in the the fauour of expence of Sea fish, and that the offendour or offendors herein, shalbe punished in like maner, as is ordred by this estatute for punishmēt of such as shal eate flesh vpō fridaies, Saterdaies, or other fish daies.

AND because no maner of person shall misiudge of the entente of this estatute, limitting orders to eate fishe, and to forbeare eating of flesh, but that the same is purposely intended & meant politikely for the encrease of Fishermen and Mariners, & repairing of port townes & nauigation, & not for any superstition to be mainteined in the choise of meates: Be it enacted, that whosoeuer shall by preaching, teaching, writing, or open speche notifie, that anye eating of fishe, or forbearing of flesh mentioned in this statute, is of any necessitie for the sauing of the soule of man, or that it is the seruice of God, otherwise then as other politike lawes are and be: that then such person shalbe punished, as spreaders of false newes are and ought to be.

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Be it enacted in the fauour of Fishermen & Mariners, haunting the sea as Fyshermen or Mariners, that none of them shall hereafter at any time be compelled agaynst his or theyr will, to serue as any souldiour vpon the lande, or vpon the sea, otherwise then as a Mariner, except it shalbe to serue vnder any Captaine of some ship or vessell for landing, to do some speciall exploit, which Mariners haue vsed to do, or vnder any other person hauing auctoritie to withstande any inuasion of enemies, or to subdue any rebellion within the Realme, and also except all such persons as by tenure, lawefull custome, or couenaunte, be or shalbe otherwise bounde to serue.

Prouided alwaies, and be in enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte or any thing therin conteyned, shall not extende to take away or diminishe any libertie, priuiledge, fraunches, forfeyture or amerciament, fines, issues, wrecches of the Sea, or any other lawfull inheritaunce or free holde, from any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate: their heires or successours, for or touching any lawfull libertie, auctoritie, or iurisdiction admirall, or for conseruation of any water, that thei or any of them now haue lawfully, or hereafter shall haue: Any thinge in the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no Fysherman vsing or haunting the sea, shalbe taken by the Quenes Maiesties Commission to serue her highnes as a Mariner on the Sea: but that the sayd Commission be first brought by her highnes taker or takers, to two Justices of peace, next adioyning and inhabiting to the sayde Sea costes, Townes, or other places, where the saide Mariners are so to be taken, to the intent the sayde Justices may chose out, and cause to be returned such sufficient number of able men, as in the said Commission shalbe conteyned, to serue her Maiestie as is aforesaid.

Sauing alwayes to the Cinque Portes, and also to the towne of great Yarmouth, all suche lawful liberties as they iustly haue before the making of this Act, touching the free faier kept at Yarmouth, other then in bying of straungers, and taking of toll, as the same be before prohibited.

Prouided alwayes, that any thing in this acte conteyned, shall not be hurtefull or preiuditiall to any auctoritie, style, preheminence, dignitie, or iurisdiction, belonging to the office of the Lorde warden of the Cinque portes.

Prouided alwayes that it shall and may be lawfull to and for any person or persons beyng straungers borne, to bringe yerely in any Ship, Bottom, or Vessel, wherof any straunger or straungers

borne, is or shalbe owner or owners, into the Hauens, Portes, and Townes of the Isle of man, or into any of them, any of the wines made in any of the dominions or countreys belonginge to the Crowne of Fraunce, and in the same Portes aud Townes, or any of them, to discharge the saide wines so to be brought, so that there be not brought and discharged by the same strangers, in any such straungers shippes, bottomes, or vessels, in any one yere, in or at the sayd Hauens, Portes, and Townes, or any of them, aboue one hundred Tonnes at the most: This Acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shall and may be lawefull to and for any person or persons beyng straungers borne, to bring yerely in any ship, vessell or botome, whereof any straunger or straungers borne is or shalbe owner or owners, into the Hauen, Porte, and Towne of Chepestowe, in the Countie of Monmouth, any wines made in any of the sayde dominions or Countreis belonging to the sayde Crowne of Fraunce, ouer and besides all Rochell wines heretofore in this Acte allowed to be brought, and in the same Porte and Towne to discharge the sayd wines, so that there be not brought and discharged by the same straungers, in any suche stranngers shippes, bottomes, or vessels in any one yeare, in or at the sayde Hauen, Port, and Town, aboue one hundred Tonnes at the most: This act or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shall and may be lawefull to and for any person or persons beyng straungers borne, to bring yerely in any shyppe, vessell, or bottome, whereof any straunger or straungers borne, is or shalbe owner or owners, into the Hauens, Portes, and Townes of Cardife, Caneruon, Beawmarris, and other Hauens Portes, and townes of Southwales and Northwales, or any of them, or into the Hauen, Port and Towne of Newporte, in the sayd Countie of Monmouth, any of the sayde wines made in any of the sayd dominions or countreis belonging to the sayd Crowne of Fraunce, ouer and besydes all Rochell wines heretofore in this Act alowed to be brought, and in and at the same portes and Townes, or any of them, to discharge the sayde wines so to be brought, so that there be not brought and discharged by the same straungers in any such straungers shippes, bottomes, or vessels in any one yere, in or at the said Hauens, Portes, and Towns, or any of them, aboue one hundred Tonnes at the most: This Acte or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

Sauing vnto the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours all such duetie and thinges whiche her highnes, her heyres and

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successours ought to haue, enioye, be answered and payde, for the sayde three hundred Tonnes of Wines, mentioned in the said three laste prouiso, to be brought and discharged, as in the same three prouisos bene mentioned and declared: Any thing in this Acte to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that this Acte or any thinge or thinges therein conteyned, shall not in any maner of wise extende to geue vnto the Lorde Admirall of Englande for the tyme beyng, or to any his Viceadmiralles, Judge or Judges of the Admiraltie, his or their deputie or deputies, or to any other the officers or ministers of the Admiraltie, or to any others hauing or clayming any Admirall power, iurisdiction, or authoritie within this Realme and Wales, or any other the Quenes dominions: any other power, right, iurisdiction preheminence, or authoritie, then he or they, or any of them lawfully haue, hath, or had, or ought to haue and enioy before the making of this Acte, other then for suche of the offences specified in this Acte, as hereafter shalbe done vpon the mayne Sea, within the iurisdiction of the Admiraltie: This Acte or any article, braunche, clause, prouision, or thing therin conteyned to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

This Act shall continue and endure vntill the ende of ten whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D. lxiiii. and from thence, to the end of the next Parliament then folowing the ende of the sayde ten yeres.

## An Acte agaynst suche as shall sell any Ware for Apparell without ready money.

### The. vi. Chapter.

BE IT enacted by authoritie of this presente Parliament, that whatsoeuer person after the feast of Easter next, shall sell or by any meanes deliuer to any person, hauing not in possession landes or fees to the clere yerely value of three thousand pounds auerrable and triable by bookes of Subsidies, or by any other sufficient true way or meanes, any maner of forreyne stuffe or wares, not growen or fyrst wrought in any the Quenes Maiesties dominions, of what kinde, nature, name, or condition so euer the same be, apperteyning or tending to the apparelling,

clothing, decking, garnishing, or adorning of the bodye, or the part of the body of any maner of person, for all the whiche stuffe or wares, or for the workemanship therof, or any parte therof, the seller, deliuerer, or worker, their executours or administratours, shall not haue receaued the whole money or full satisfaction eyther in hande, or within .xx. viii. dayes after the sale, deliuery, or making therof: that in euery such case, the seller, deliuerer, worker, or maker, their executours and administratours shalbe without all remedy by order of any lawe, custome, or decree, to recouer or demaunde any money or recompence for the sayde stuffe or wares, or for the workemanship of any part therof, what assuraunce soeuer he or they shall haue, by bonde, suertie, promise, or payme, of the partie, or of any other on his or their behalfe to the contrary. And that all bondes and assuraunce whatsoeuer made in that case and for that purpose, by any meanes of waies, directly or indirectly, shalbe vtterly voyde to all intentes. And this Acte shall endure onely to thende of the next Parliament.

## An Act for the auoyding of diuers forreyne Wares, made by handy craftes men beyond the Seas.

### The. vii. Chapter.

Whereas heretofore the Artificers of this Realme of England, aswel within the Citie of Londō, as within other Cities, Townes, & Boroughes of the same Realm, that is to wit, Gyrdlers, Cutlers, Sadlers Glouers, Pointmakers, and such like handicraftes men, haue bene in their sayde faculties greately wrought and greatly set on worke, aswell for the sustentation of them selues, their wiues and families, as for a good education of a great part of youth of this Realme in good art and laudable exertise: besides the manifolde benefites that by meanes or by reason of their knowledges, inuentions, and continuall trauell, daily and vniuersally came to the whole estate of the common wealth of this sayde Realme. Yet notwithstanding, so nowe it is, that by reason of the aboundaunce of forreyne wares, brought into this Realme from the partes of beyond the Seas, the saide Artificers are not onely lesse occupied and therely vtterly impouerished, the youth not trayned in the said sciences & exercises, and thereby the sayd faculties & therquisite knowledges therof lyke in shorte time within this realme to decay: but also diuers Cities and Townes within

within this Realme of England much therby impayred, the whole Realme greatly endomaged, and other countreys notablie enryched, and the people therof wel set on worke, to their commodities and liuinges, in the artes and sciences aforesaid, and to the great discourage of the skilfull workmen of this Realme, beyng in very dede nothing inferiour to any stranger in the faculties aforesaid.

For reformation wherof: Be it enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes, and by the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctheritie of the same, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, from or after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist now nert ensuing, shall bring or cause to be brought into this Realme of England, from the partes of beyonde the seas, any Gyrdels, Harnelle for Gyrdels, Rapiers, Daggers, Knyues, Hyltes, Pummelles, Lockettes, Chapes, Dagger blades, Handels, Scabberdes, and Sheathes for knyues, Saddels, Horse harnelle, Stirrops, Bittes Gloues, Poyntes, Leather laces, or Pinnes, being redy made or wrought in any partes of beyonde the seas, to be solde, bartred or exchanged within this Realme of England or Wales, vpon paine to forfait al such wares so to be brought contrary to the true meaning of this Act, in whose handes soeuer they or any of them shall be founde, or the very value therof: the one halfe of the forfeiture to be to our soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes, her heyres, and successours, & the other moitie therof to him or them that will seaze the same, or sue therfore in any courte of Recorde of the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, by action of debte, bill, playnt information, or otherwise, wher no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe to him or them alowed. This act to continue and endure to the ende of the nert Parliament.

## An Act touchyng Tanners, Curriours, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the cutting of Leather.

### The. viii. Chapter.

Where before this time, diuers and many good estatutes haue bene made for the true tanning, currying, and working of leather, as a thing very necessary for the common wealth and commoditie of the Quenes Maiesties subiectes, for that euery sort of people of necessitie must vse and haue leather for diuers & sundry purpoles, which notwithstanding, leather was neuer worse tanned, curried, or wrought, then nowe a daies it is, by reason wherof, diuers persons are not onely put to great losse,

charge, & other inconueniẽces, but also do take dyuers and sundry diseases, to the shortening of their liues, as by the complaintes of diuers persons exhibited in this Parliamẽt it manifestly appereth.

Be it therfore enacted by the Quenes Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes and comons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that from and after the feaste of Pentecost nert comming, no Butcher or other person shall gashe, slaughter, or cut any hyde of any Bull, Oxe, Steare, or Cowe, in flaying therof, or otherwise, whereby the same shalbe impaired or hurte. And that no Tanner, or other person or persons vsing or occupying the craft or mistery of tanning of Leather, shall after the feast of S. Michaell tharchangell nert comming, by himselfe or any other person or persons, offer or put to sale any suche hyde or shinne so gashed, slaughtered, or cut, vpon payne of forfaiture for euery such hyde or shinne so offred or put to sale, xx. d.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no Butcher or other person or persons, after the said feast of Pentecost shall kill any Calfe to sell, beyng vnder .v. weekes olde, vpon payne to forfait for euery Calfe so to be killed and solde .vi. s. viii. d.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons occupying the craft or occupation of a Butcher, shal after the feast of Penterost nert cõming, occupy or vse by himselfe, or any other person or persons, the feat, craft, or mistery of a tanner during the time that he shal so vse the craft or occupation of a Butcher, vpon paine of forfaiture of .vi. s. viii. d. for euery day that he shall so vse the feate, craft, or mistery of a Tanner.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, which at the feast of S. Michaell tharchangell which was in the fyfte yere of the Quenes Maiesties reigne that nowe is, had not landes, tenementes, rentes, profites, or hereditamentes of estate of inheritaunce, or for tearme of lyfe or liues, of the clere yerely value of .xl. li. or aboue, or whose tanhouse was not at the saide feaste, is, or shalbe hereafter in a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate or market Towne, wher searchers and sealers of leather hath ben & shalbe vsually appointed (except such person & persons as then had any tanhouse, and did then occupy the mistery of tanning of leather, and except an apprentice or apprentices to a Tanner or Tanners, and except such as were then or sence, or hereafter shalbe brought vp, instructed, or taught as couenaunt or hyred seruaunt for that purpose by the space of .vii. yeres, in the mistery or craft of tanning of Leather, and except the wife and such sonne or sonnes of a Tanner as hath ben brought vp & hath vsed the mistery of tanning of leather by the space of foure yeres aforesaid, or the sonne or daughter of a Tanner, or suche person who shall marry such

such wife or daughter, to whom he hath or shall leaue a Tanhouse and fattes) shall tanne any leather, or shall vse, take, or haue anye profite, gaine or commoditie of or by the said millery or craft of tanning of leather, vpon paine of forfaiting of all such leather by him or them so tanned, or wher of he or they shall receaue any profite or commoditie by tanning, or the iust value therof.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that after the feast of Pentecost nexte comminge, no person or persons whatsoeuer, which shall after the said feast of Pentecost, occupie or vse by him or them selfe, or by any other person or persons, the craffte or millery of tanning of leather, shall suffer any hide or skinne to lye in the limes any longer time then the heeres falleth of, or may be taken of, nor in any wise to be put into the limes after the heere may be taken of, nor shall vse, employe, occupye, or put by theym selues, or by any other person or persons, any thing in any licoure stuffe or workmanship, in or about the tanning of leather, but only lime, Culuer donge, or Hen dong, and that in colde water only, and wooses made of colde water and Oken barke onely, without anye mixture of anye other thinge or thinges, nor shall by him selfe or by any other person or persons, put any hide or skinne in anye tan wooses, or licour made whotte, or warmed in anye fatte or vessell, to be set or couered in any tanne hill, or otherwise, nor shall ouerlyme any hides or skinnes in the lime pittes, nor shall put anye hides or skinnes into anye tanne fattes or vessels, before the lyme be well and perfectly taken and wrought out of them and euerye of thē, nor shal suffer his or their leather to be layed or to hange or to lye wette in anye frost vntill the same be frozen, nor shall drye or parche the leather with the heate of the fyre or of the summer sunne nor shall tanne or cause to be tanned anye hide or skinne being putrified, rotten, or tainted by longe lying, either before the putting of it into the limes, or after in the water or licoure, or by anye other meanes, nor shall negligently worke the hides in the wooses, nor shall not renue and make stronge the wooses as often as shalbe requisite, nor shall suffer the hides for vtter sole and cloute leather to lye in the wooses any lesse time then .xii. monethes at the least, and the hides for vpper leathers in like wooses any lesse time then nine monthes at the least, nor shall insufficientlye or imperfectlye tanne any hyde or skinne, nor shall tanne any Ore hydes, Steere hides, or Cowe hides but whole, without cutting of anye bellies commonly called wombes, or peeces from the same (hydes for clouting leather to be cutte into three or four bendes or peeces, ouerthwarte the whole hide onelye excepte) nor shall after the feaste of Sainct Michaell the Archangell nexte comminge, putte to sale any tanned hyde or skinne, whiche is or shalbe tailed in or by the

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tanninge, wo:kemanshippe, o: otherwise, o: by slinge anye other thing o: stuffe, o: in any other so:t then by this statute is limitted and appointed, vpon paine of fo:feiture of euery Ore hide, Steere hide, Cowe hide o: skinne, tanned, sled, o: put to sale contrarye to the true meaning of this p:esent Acte, o: the iust value therof.

And be it further enacted by the auctho:itie afo:esaid, that from the feast of Pentecost nert comming, no person o: persons whatsoeuer, shall put o: cause to be put to sale, exchange, o: otherwise depart with any kind of tanned leather, red and vnwo:oughte, but in open faire o: market, in the places therfo:e commonlye accustomed, and therefo:e p:epared, no: before the same be searched and sealed, acco:ding to the lawes and o:der in this statute hereafter mentioned, no: shall after the feast of S. Michaell Tharchangell nert cõming, put to sale, exchange, o: otherwise depart with anye tanned leather, red and vnwo:ought, but sufficiently and well tanned, and th:oughly d:ied, no: shall put o: cause to be put to sale, exchange, o: otherwise depart with any Ore hyde, Steere hide, o: Cowe hide, but only whole, without cuttinge anye bellies called wombes, o: other peeces from it (clouting leather cut into bendes as is afo:esaid, only excepted) before the same be searched & sealed, vpon paine of fo:feiture fo: euery hide o: peece of leather, solde, exchanged, o: otherwyse departed with, contrarye to the true meaning of this Acte. vi.s. viii.d. and fo: euery dosen of calue skinnes iii.s. iiii.d. and the hide o: hydes, skin o: skinnes, and leathers in any otherwise solde, exchanged, o: bought, o: the value therof.

And be it further enacted by thauctho:itie afo:esaid, that no person o: persons vsing the mistery of tanning of leather, by himselfe, o: by any other person o: persons, fro: & after the said feast of Pentecost, shall during that time that he shal vse the said mistery, occupye o: vse the craft o: mistery of a Shoemaker, Currier, Butcher, o: of any artificer vsing o: exercising cutting o: wo:king of leather, vpon paine to fo:fait and lose all and euery such hide & hides skin and skinnes, so by them o: any of them wo:ought o: tanned, during the time that he shall vse the mistery o: craft of tanning afo:esaid, o: the iust value therof. It is also enacted by thauctho:itie afo:esaid, that no person vsing the mistery of tanning of leather, by himselfe, o: by any other person o: persons, shall after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iyon Baptist nert cõming, tanne any bull hide, ho:se hide, o: shepe skin, o: put to sale, exchange, o: otherwise depart with any ho:se hyde, bull hyde, o: shepe skinne tanned, vpon paine to fo:fait euery such bull hide, ho:se hide, o: shepe skin so tanned o: put to sale, o: the iust value therof.

And be it further enacted by thauctho:itie afo:esaide, that no person o: persons after the feast of Pentecost nert comming, shall bargaine, bye, make any contract fo:, o: bespeake, any rough hyde,

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or Calues skinnes in the heere, but only such person or persons as by vertue of this Acte may lawfully vse the craft or mistery of tanning of leather and shall tanne the same, or such person or persons as shall tawe the same (excepte saite hydes for the necessary vse of shippes) vpon paine to forfaite and lose all and euerye suche hides and skinnes so bought, or the iust value thereof.

And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*esaide, that no person or persons shal or may after the feast of Pentecost nert comming, bye, bargaine, bespeake, or take promise to haue any tanned leather, not wrought and conuerted into made wares, but onelye such person and persons as will and shall worke and conuerte the same leather into made wares, vpon paine of forfaiture of the leather so bought, or the value therof.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that all and euerye artificer, and other person and persons vsing to conuert tanned leather into made wares, aswell straunger borne, as other, may lawfullye bye all kinde of tanned leather, to make or conuerte the same into made wares, at Leaden hall in London, vpon euery Wunday, the same being first duely searched, sealed, and registred, as is hereafter limitted.

Prouided also, that Sadlers and Girdlers may sel their neckes and shredds of tanned leather red, without incurring any paine or forfaiture for the same.

And forasmuch as Barke is nowe become scante by vnreasonable felling of Oke out of barking time, and thereby the Tanners be destitute of such barke as is necessary: Be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*esaide, that no person or persons shall from and after the feast of S. Michael the Archangell next, sel or cause to be felled any Oken trees mete to be barked, where the barke is worth ii.s. a cartlode, ouer & aboue the charge of barking & pilling (timber to be emploied or bestowed in or aboute building or reparations of houses, shippes or milles, or any of them, only except) but betwixt the first day of Aprill, & the last day of June, vpon paine of forfaiture of euery such Oken tree so felled, or the double value therof.

And for the better preseruation of timber, whiche by the takers of Timber is spoiled, through the greedie desire of gaine, of the loppes, toppes, or Barke of Timber trees: Be it therefore enacted, that no taker or takers, purueiour or purueiours of Timber, or his or their deputie or deputies, shall fell or cause to be felled for the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or Successoures, anye Oken timber tree or trees meete to be barked, but in barkinge time (trees to be felled for buildinge or repairinge of anye her Maiesties Houses or Shyppes, onelye excepte) or

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shall in any wise take or receaue any maner of profite, gayne, or commoditie by any loppes, toppes, or barke of any tree, to be taken by them or any of them, or shall in any wise take, carry away, geue, sell or dispose from the owner, any more of any tree, to be taken as is aforesayde, then onely the timber of the same tree or trees, to be vsed and bestowed, or employed only in, vpon, or about the Quenes Maiesties buildinges, or shippes, vppon paine of forfaiture to the partie grieued, for euery tree and for the loppes, toppes, or barke of euery tree taken contrary to the meaning of this article. xl.s. And that it shalbe lawfull to the partie of whom such tree or trees shalbe taken, or to any other, for, and in his name, to reteine, withhold, take, and kepe to him selfe all the barke, loppe, and toppe of suche tree or trees: Any Commission or other matter whatsoeuer, notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as no Leather can be so well tanned, but it may be marred in the currying: Be it therfore enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that from and after the feast of Saincte Michaell the Archangell nert, no person or persons shall currye anye kinde of Leather in the house of any Shomaker or other person, but onely in his owne house, scituate in a corporat or market towne, nor shal curry any kinde of leather except it be well and perfectely tanned, nor shall after the feast of Pintecost nert, curry any hide or shinne, being not throughly dry after his wet season, in whiche wet season he shall not vse any stale drinke, or anye other deceiptfull or subtill mixture, thing, waye or meanes, to corrupte or hurte the same, nor shall curry any leather meete for vtter sole leather, with anye other stuffe then with hard tallowe, nor with anye lesse of that, then the leather will receaue, nor shall curry any kinde of leather meete for ouer leather & inner soles, but with good and sufficient stuffe, being fresh and not salte, and throughlye licoured till it canne not receaue no more, nor shall burne or scalde anye hyde or leather in the currying, nor shall shaue any leather to thinne, or shall gashe or hurt any leather in the shauing, or by any other meanes, but shall worke the same sufficiently and substauncially in all pointes and respectes, vppon paine of forfeiture for euerye suche offence or acte done contrary to the true meaning of this article (other then in gashing or hurting in shauing) .vi.s. viii.d. and the value of euery such shinne or hyde marred by his euill workemanship, and for euery offence to be done against this article, in gashing or hurting by shauing, double so muche to the partie grieued, as the leather shalbe impaired thereby, by the iudgement of the Wardens of the Curriers, and the Wardens of the companye whereof the partye grieued shalbe.

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And be it further enacted, that no Cordwayner, Shomaker, or other person or persons dwelling or inhabiting within the Citie of London or the libertie of the same, nor any person or persons that nowe is, or hereafter shalbe free of the Citie of London, dwelling within three miles of the saide Citie, and occupying wet curried leather in his arte and occupation, shall put or cause to be put any leather to be curried, but to such person & persons as be or shal be free of the company of the Curriers of the Citie of London, vpō paine of forfaiture of all such curried leather, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons shall by any meanes occupy or put in any made wares, within the citie of London, or three miles of the same Citie, any curried leather, before the same shalbe searched, and alowed by the Wardens of the Curriers of London for the time being, or such persons as they shall thereto assigne, and be sealed with the seale therfore to be prepared, vppon paine that euery shoemaker, and other artificer cutter of leather, offending against this article, shall forfaite for euery hide or skinne otherwise curried or imploied as is aforesaide. vi.s. viii.d. and the value of euery suche hide or skinne.

And be it further enacted, that no person occupying the feate or mistery of a Curriour, shall vse or exercise the feate or mistery of a Tanner, Cordwayner, Shoemaker, Butcher, or other artificer vsing cutting of leather, during the time that he shall so vse or occupie the mistery of a Currier, vpon paine of forfaiture of. vi.s. viii.d. for euery hide or skinne that he shall currye duringe the time that he shall occupie or vse any of the misteryes aforesaide, contrarye to the meaning of this article.

And further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no Curriour or Curriours, vsing the arte of currying of leather, shall after the feast of Pentecost next, refuse to curry any leather to him or them for that purpose brought by any such artificer as is or shal be a cutter of leather, the same artificer or his seruaunt bringing with him or them good & sufficient stuffe, as is before mentioned, for the perfect licouring of the same leather, and that the saide leather in the presence of the saide artificer cutters of leather, his seruaunt or seruauntes yf he or they wilbe presente, shalbe licoured and curried in all thinges and degrees perfectlye, and if he or they will not be present, it shall neuertheleſſe be likewise licoured and curried in his or their absence perfectly, and with as conuenient speede as maye be, not exceadinge fiue daies in the Sommer, and ten dayes in the winter, after he shall or may take it in hande, vpon paine to forfaite to the partie grieued for euerye hide and peece of leather not in this maner curried, and well & spedely dressed. x.s.

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And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that the Wardens of the Curriers for the time being, or suche persons as they shall assigne or appoint (being therevnto required) shall from time to time, searche and trye all such curried leather, as shalbe brought to any of their company to be curried, and shall with a Seale therefore to be prepared, with conuenient spede, not exceading one day after the currying and request made, seale suche leather as they shall finde sufficiently curried, taking for euery hide so sealed after the rate of.i.d. for a dicker, and for euerye sixe dosen of Calues skinnes.i.d. and not aboue, to be payde by the Curriour, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery hide which shall not be searched and sealed as is aforesaide.vi.s.viii.d.

And forasmuch as Leather well tanned and curried, may by the negligence, disceipte, or euill workemanship of the Cordwainer or Shoemaker, be vsed disceiptfullye, to the hurte of the occupier or wearer of it: Be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, which after the saide feast of Pentecost shall occupy the mistery or occupation of a Cordwainer or Shomaker, shall make or cause to be made anye bootes, buskinnes, shoes, startvppes, slippers, or pantofles, or any part of them, of Englishe leather wet curried (other then Deare skinnes, Calues skinnes, or Goates skinnes, made or dressed, or to be made or dressed like vnto Spanishe leather) but of leather well and truelye tanned and curried in maner and fourme aboue specified, or of leather well and truely tanned onely, and well and substauncially sewed with good threde well twisted and made, and sufficientlye waxte with waxe well rosened, and the stitches harde drawen with handleathers, as hath bene accustomed, withoute minglinge or mixinge of ouerleathers, that is to saye, parte of the ouer leather beynge of Neates leather, and part of Calues leather, nor shall put into anye part of any shoes, bootes, buskinnes, startvppes, slippers, or pantofles, any leather made of a Sheepes skinne, Bull hide, or Horse hide, nor into the vpper leather of any shoes, startvppes, shippers, or pantofles, or into the neather part of anye bootes (thinner sole and heele of the shoe onely except) any part of any hide from which the sole leather is cutte, called the wombe, necke, shancke, flanke, poll or cheeke, nor shall put into the vtter sole anye other leather then the best of the Oxe or Steere hide, nor into the inner sole, any other leather then the wombes, necke, poll, or checke, nor in the treswelles of the double soled shoes, other then the flankes of anye the hydes aforesaide, nor shall make or putte to sale in anye yere betwene the laste of September, and the twentie of Aprill, any shoes, bootes, buskinnes, startvppes, slippers, or pantofles,

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in shalbe any peece Cuttyng of leather (other then Caines or Goates
skinnes, made or dressed or to be made & dressed like unto Spanish
leather) or any part therof not shall shewe (to thintent to put to sale)
any shoes, bootes, buskines, startoppes, slippers or pantofles wyth
the Sunday, before the divine service (used in the forenoone) be done
and ended, upon paine of forfaiture for every payre of shoes, bootes
buskines, startoppes, slippers, or pantofles made, solde, shewed, or
put to sale contrary to the true meaning of this Act iii. s. iiii. d. and
the full and full value of the same.

And be it further enacted for the true execution of this statute,
that the Maior of the citie of London, and the Aldermē of the same
for the tyme beyng, or the more part of them, upon payne to forfeite
xl. li. for every yeere that they make default, the one halfe wherof to
be to the Queenes Majestie, her heires & successours, and the other
halfe to him or them that will sue for the same, shall yerely appoynt
foure or more expert persons by their discretions, to be searchers,
who shall be sworne before the sayde Maior and Aldermen for the
tyme beyng, to doe their office truely. Which sayde searchers shall by
vertue of this Act, foure times in the yeere at the least, that is to say,
once every quarter of a yeere (or oftener if nede require) as they shall
thinke good, make true search and view of and for all bootes, buskines,
and other wares and thinges whatsoever, made of tanned
leather, in all and every house and houses, place and places, shoppe
and shoppes, in the sayde Citie and suburbes therof, as in every other place
within three miles of the same Citie, where any Shoomaker, Sadler,
Cordyner, or other Artificer, using cutting of leather, doth or shall
use, or occupy any of the occupations of cuttyng of leather: and of
their duety such faults and vices, as they shall finde in the making
or cutting of any such leather, to make true presentment in writ-
yng before the sayd Maior and Aldermen for the tyme beyng, of
every default that they or any of them shall finde in the making
or cutting of any bootes, buskines, startoppes,
shoes, boote hose, sadders, or other thinges, stuffe, or ware made of tan-
ned leather contrary to the true meaning of this statute.

And be it further enacted, that the sayd Maior of the said City of
London, and Aldermen for the tyme beyng, upon the payne lyke
to be searched and dealt withall, as is before rehearsed, shall yerely appoynt iiii.
of more, other expert, cunning and discreet persons, whereof one shall
be a Cordyner, and their power and charge always of leather to be prepared
and wrought shall extend to the sayd Maior and Aldermen for the tyme beyng, no further, after truely. Which sayde search-
ers and Tasters shall have full power and authority to search all and every tanned hyde,
tanned skynne, or leather, to them shall be brought, shall in the market as

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Leaden hall, as to any other lawfull fayre or market therfore hytherto lawfully appoynted, within thre miles of the sayd Citie, whether the same be well and sufficiently tanned, according to the purporte and true meaning of this statute, or no. And finding it sufficiently and well tanned, in such maner and fourme as by this statute is appointed (and as it ought to be) shall seale the same with the sayde seale for that purpose to be provyded and prepared.

AND BE it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all other Maiors, Bayliffes, and other heade officers for the tyme beyng, in all other Cityes, Boroughes, and market Townes of this Realme, and all Lordes of liberties, fayres, and markettes, oute of the circuite or compasse of the sayde three myles: shall upon lyke payne of .xl.li. lykewyse to be leuyed and imployed euery yere that they make default herein, appoynt and swere yearely .ii. .iii. or more persons, of the moste honest and skylfull men within their seuerall offices or libertyes, by their discression, to searche and viewe within the precinct of their sayde offices, libertyes, and authorities, which shall as often as nede shalbe, or they thynke good, make lyke searche within their lyberties, and shall haue a marke or seale prepared for that purpose, and that the sayde searchers, or one of them, shall kepe the same seale or marke, and wherwith the same shall seale or marke suche leather as they shall fynde sufficiente, and no other. And yf the sayde searchers or any of them, do fynde any lether there solde, or offred to be solde, or brought to be searched or marked insufficiently tanned, or insufficiently curryed, or anye bootes, buskynnes, shoes, startuppes, slyppers, bridels, saddels, or anye other thing made of tanned or curryed leather insufficiently tanned, curryed or wrought, contrary to the true meanyng of this statute, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde searchers or any of them, to seale as forfayted, all suche leather, shoes, and wares made of leather, and to retayne the same in their custodye, vntyll the same be tryed by, experte men, appoynted by such Maior, Bayliffe, or other head officer, or Lorde of libertye, or his sufficient deputye, within whose precinctes or liberties such sealoure shall happen to be: the same tryall to be within .xb. dayes after suche seysure as the further, vpon the othes of the sayde tryers.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all tanned leather, wherthe shalbe brought into the Citye of London (whether it be to be solde, or be brought before hande or no) shalbe brought to Leaden hall before it be houseled in hys or theyr owne houses, and there viewed, whether or not hath bene searched or sealed, or no, and shall also be required by the searchers to be appoynted as afore sayde, with halfe fynfarthes therfore to be payde

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as is hereafter expressed for leather to be sold in Leaden hall, upon payne that euery person bouyenge or not bryngyng hys leather to Leaden hall as is aforesayde, shall forfaite for euery hide or skynne vi.s. viii.d. Prouided that thys article shall not extend to any leather to be bought in Bartilmewe fayer, or Southwarke market, beyng searched, sealed and regystred accordynge to the true meanyng of thys Acte.

And also be it further enacted, that if anye person wyll after the sayd feast wylfully withstand or denye any such search to be made, accordyng to the tenour of this Act as is aforesaid, or wyll not suffer the sayd searchers so appointed, to enter into his or their house or houses, or other place, to view and search at their will and pleasure all maner of tanned leather, and all maner of shoes, bootes, males, saddels, and all maner of wares wrought and made, or to be wrought and made of leather, and to seale and carry away all such leather, shoes, and wares as they shall fynd insufficiently tanned, curryed, or wrought, or made of euyll stuffe: that then all and euery such person and persons so denying and withstandyng, and not sufferyng the saide searchers or any of them (so sworne and appoynted for the time beyng, to enter and make search, and seale as is aforesayd) shall lose and forfayte for euery tyme so denyenge and withstanding. v.li.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd, that if the persons so to be appointed for the seuerall searchers of leather, and wares made of leather as is aforesayde, do refuse with conuenient spede to seale leather sufficiently tanned, or do make default in their search, or do alow that, which shalbe insufficientlye tanned, curryed, or wrought, contrarye to the true meanynge of thys Acte, or shal eyther for affection or corruption conceale the faultes or any of them founde in that behalfe: that then the Maior, Baylyffes, Lordes of lyberties, and other persons, whych by vertue of this acte shall appoynt such searchers and sealers, shall forfait and lose for euery such default & offence. vi.s. the one moitye of whyche forfaiture, shalbe to our soueraygne Lady the Queene, her heires, and successours, and the other moitye to him or them that wyll sue for the same in any of the Quenes Maiesties courtes of Record, by byll, playnte, information, or otherwyse.

And forasmuch as heretofore great deceipte hath bene vsed in cuttyng of the wombes from the backes, for that the Tanner dyd not cut of so much as was mete, but sette more to the backe (wherof vtter sole leather was made) then was conuenient and meete: And forasmuch also as yf the Currier should curry the whole hyde together, the Shoemaker myght then put that parte of the hyde

called the woombes into vtter sole leather (whiche is meete but for inner sole leather) to the great deceipte & damage of the wearer of shoes, bootes, or other stuffe made by the shoemaker or cordwainer Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritye aforesayd, that such persons as shalbe so appoynted searchers or sealers as is aforesayde, shal after the true tannyng, and before the currying of any leather brought to be searched and sealed as is aforesaide by their discretions cutte of so muche of the hyde truelye tanned, to be solde to a Shoemaker, Cordwainer, or Cobler into woombes, as they shal by their othes thinke vnmeete to make vtter sole leather of, vppon payne that the Shoemaker. Cordwayner, or Cobler, shall forfayte for euery such hyde not cut as is aforesayd. iii.s.iiii.d.

And be it further enacted, that such person & persons as hereafter shalbe assigned and appoynted searchers and sealers of tanned leather by vertue of this acte, shall within the lymyttes and precinctes of euerye of their searchers, kepe one booke or regyster, wherein they shall enter all suche Bargaynes as shalbe made for leather, hydes, or skynnes, by any person or persons, duryng and by all the tyme of the fayer or market, being therto required by the byer or the seller, and also the prices of suche leather boughte and solde, with thenames and dwellyng places of the byer and seller, tabyng for his and their paine and trauell therein to be taken, as well for the sealyng of such leather and cuttyng of the woombes as is aforesayde, as for regystryng therof, of the seller of euery dycher of leather so entred. ii.d. and so after the rate, and for euery fyre dosen of Calues skynnes. ii.d. and of the byer after the same rate, and no more or greater summe or summes of money to be paide for entryng of the same, vpon payne of forfayture for not entrynge and regystryng, or not cuttyng of, of the woombes as is aforesayde, for euery dycher of leather. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euerye dosen of Calues skynnes. iii. s. iiii. d. and so after that rate.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shal after the first day of May nexte comming sel, exchaunge, or put away, or cause to be solde, exchaunged, or put away any maner of tanned leather red and vnwroughte, excepte he or they register or cause to be registred the saide tanned leather, and euery parte and parsell thereof, and the price thereof, vppon paine of forfaiture of the value of the leather so solde, exchaunged, or put away, and not registred.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shall not be lawefull to or for any person or personnes to bye anye tanned leather before the same shalbe searched and sealed, nor to carry or cause to be carryed out of the fayer or market, any leather

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full it be reuyued as is aforesayde, vpon payne to forfait the sayde leather or the value therof to bought and not searched and sealed, or carued away and not reuiued.

And be it further enacted that no Cordwayner, Shoemaker, or Cobler, shall carry or cause to be carued any Oxe or Steere hides tanned, wherof any sole leather shalbe cutte, oute of any layer or markette whole, before the moonnes be cut of, as is aforesayd, vpon payne of forfeture for euery hyde other wise carued out of the same layer or market fyue shillinges, and the hide or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd that if any Curryer within the sayde Cittie of London or three miles compasse after the feast of Saint Michael tharchangell next, do curry any leather insufficiently tanned, or after the sayde feaste next, do not curry such leather as he doth or shall curry, substantially and well, according to the meaninge and purport of this act, or if any Shoemaker, Cordwayner, or Cobler, within the Cittie of London or three myles compasse of the same, after the sayde feaste of Saint Michael tharchangell next, vnite any tanned leather into shoes, bootes, bulwarkes, startroppes, flappers, pantofles, or other thinges, made of tanned leather, which shall not be well and perfectly tanned according to the purport and true meaninge of this acte, or after the sayde feaste do vnite any curried leather into any bootes, bulwarkes, startroppes, shoes, flappers, pantofles, or other thinges made of leather, which shall not be well and sufficiently tanned and curried, and also sealed as is aforesayde, or do make bootes, bulwarkes, shoes, startroppes, flappers, pantofles, or other thinges made of English tanned leather, in other manner then of aboue specified and ordayned, or if any Shomaker, Saddler, or other artificer vsing cutting or working of leather, do make any workes of any tanned leather insufficiently tanned and of tanned vncurried leather, being not sufficiently tanned and curried as is aforesayd, or do not make there wares belonging to their seuerall occupations sufficiently tanned and substantially: That then the Wardens of euery of the sayde companyes of Saddlers, Currryers, Shoemakers, and other artificers vsing and exercising cuttinge of tanned leather, for the tyme being, shall forfeit and lose for euery such default and offence to be committed or done by any person or persons vnder their rule and search, fyue

And be it ordayned and enacted that no maner of person or persons shall (after the sayde feast of Saint Michaell) bitte or sell at retaile to be vttered or solde within the sayde Cittie of London or within three myles compasse of the same, any maner of wares ap-

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pertainyng to the craft or mysterie of any artifycer vsyng cuttyng of leather, but onely in open shoppe, common fayre, or markettee, wherby the sayd Wardens may haue the true serche of the same, in aduoydyng the penalties vpon them by this Act set, vppon payne of forfaiture of all suche wares so solde, and. x. s. for euery tyme.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that all and euery artificer dwellyng or inhabitynge, or whiche hereafter shall dwelle or inhabite wythin the Cytie of London, or three myles compasse of the same, vsynge or exercisyng any manuell occupation of cuttyng or workyng of leather into made wares, shall contribute, paye, and be vnder the suruey and search of the wardens of such companies of the sayd Citie of London, as the artificers commonly vsyng the lyke occupation beyng free men of the same Cytie of London and of the same company bee, touchyng and concernynge onely theyr wares and stuffe made of, or with leather, in lyke maner and forme as other free men of the same company doothe to the Wardens of theyr companye within the sayde Cytie. All whiche paynes, penalties, and forfaitures aforesayde, of summes of moneye aforesayde, (excepte suche paynes, penalties, and forfaitures, as are before or hereafter by this Act, shall otherwyse be disposed) shall bee deuided into three equall partes, one parte whereof, shall bee to our Soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heyres, and successours, and an other parte to hym or theym that shall fyrste sue for the same in any of the courtes of Recorde of the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, by action of debte, bylle, playnt, insourmation, or otherwyse: In whyche suite, no wager of lawe or essoygne shall be admitted or allowed, and the thyrd part thereof, shall go to the Cuye Borough, Towne, or Lorde or Lordes of Liberties, where the offence shalbe committed or done. And all such Lether, shoes, bootes, buttyns, startuppes, slyppers, pantoffes, wares, stuffe, and other thynges whatsoeuer, made of tanned Leather, or curried leather, whiche shalbe seased by vertue of this Acte, or shall be founde insufficiently wrought, tanned, or curryed, and declared by this acte to be forfaited, and shalbe seased by the sayd searchers, or any other person fyndynge the fault therof, shalbe distributed as hereafter ensueth: That is to say, suche leather or stuffe so seased wythin the Citie of London, or within three myles compasse of the same, to be brought to the Guyld hall in London, there to be praysed by indifferent parsons, and the value there of to be deuided into three partes, whereof one parte to be to the fyrst seasor and seysors of the sayde vnlawfull stuffe, and an other part to the vse of the Chamber of London, and the other part to be distributed to the poore folkes, as well beynge within the newe Hospitall of S. Bartilmewes in

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London, as to luche poore ho[u]holders as shalbe inhabityng within the Citye of London, or the circuite aforesayd, at the discrecions of luche persons as the Mayor of the same Citie and foure Aldermen of the same for the tyme beynge, shall appointe for the same. And that all luche leather, bootes, shoes, saddels, wares, stuffe & thinges made of or with leather as is aforesayde, whych shalbe founde within any other citye, borough, towne, or place within this Reame, out of the sayd Citye of London and three myles compasse, insufficiently wrought, tanned, or curryed as is aforesayd, & shalbe seased & taken as forsayed, shalbe brought to the comon hall of euery such citie, Borough, & Towne, or to some conuenient and open place to be appointed by the Lorde of the liberte, or his deputie, where no comon hall is, there to be played as is aforesayde, one parte of the sayd value thereof, to be disposed unto the poore, and in other dedes of charitie in those parties, after the discrecion of the Mayors, Bailiffes, Headboroughes, & Lordes of liberties, an other parte to bee deliuered to the Mayors, Bayliffes, & other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, to the vse of the comminalty of such citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, & where no suche officers be, then to the Lorde or Lordes of the liberte where anye such forfayture shalbe committed, or seasour had, & the third part, to the first seaser or seasers of such leather, stuffe, or wares insufficientlye tanned, curryed, or wrought as is aforsayd, for his and theyr paynes.

Prouyded alwayes, that no persone to whom any such vnlawfull leather or stuffe, shalbe geuen by this Acte, shall geue or sell any suche leather or stuffe, to anye person or personnes that shall sell the same, vpon payne that the byer shall forfayte for euerye parcell of suche vnlawfull leather or stuffe so solde contrarye to the true meaninge of this last clause. iii.s. iiii.d.

Prouyded alway, that this Act nor any thyng therin conteyned, shall not in any wise be preiudicial or hurtfull to the Chauncelours Vicechauncelours, Proctours, Tasours, and Scholers, their officers, ministers, allygnes, or farmers, of the vniuersityes of Oxford, or Cambridge, or any of them, of, for or concernynge the authoritie of seasyng of tanned leather, or any of the forfaytures of the same which they lawfully had or myght haue had before the makyng of this present Act, so as they do in all thynges obserue such order in, about or for searchyng, sealyng, & regulyng of leather, as by this Acte is prescribed & appointed, vpon the paynes herein conteyned or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

And for the auoyding of all ambiguities and doubtes whych may and do growe vpon the declaracion and interpretacion of this worde Leather. It is enacted and declared by these presentes, that

that the hydes and skynnes of Ore, Styere, Bull, Cowe, Calfe, Beare, red and falowe, Goates and Shepe, being tanned or tawed, and euerye salt hyde, is, shalbe, and euer hath bene reputed and taken for leather.

And for the better execution of thys present Act, be it further enacted, that all Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuerye, Justices of peace, and Stewardes of fraunchises, leetes, and lawedayes, within theyr seueral precinctes, jurisdictions and lyberties, and Mayor of London for the tyme beynge, wythin the said Citye and within three myles compasse of the same Cytye, and all other Mayors, Baylyffes, and other head officers of Cityes, Boroughes, and Townes, within their seuerall jurisdictions, lybertyes, precinctes, offyces, and aucthorities, shall enquire of all the premisses in theyr sessions, seete, or lawe daye, and heare and determine the same, and also by their discretions examyne all persons suspected to offende this Acte or any parcell therof.

And be it further enacted, that where any manoure, lybertye, or fraunches immediatly appertayneth, or shal appertayne to the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours: the Stewarde for the tyme beynge of euery such manour, lybertye and fraunches, shall haue the lyke aucthorityes, powers, jurisdictions, and aduauntages, and also shal beare and pay all the lyke paynes, penalties, and forfaytures as are geuen, appointed, lymytted, or layde, by thys estatute to or vppon the Lordes of liberties and fraunchises, as in thys statute is expressed.

And be it declared and enacted that all currying and dressyng of leather, commonly called drye currynge and freesynge, shalbe construed to be dressyng and currying after a maner of Spanyshe leather, of what colour soeuer it be, and that to all artifycers (other then Shoemakers, perely betwene the last of September and the xx. of Apryll) it shalbe lawefull to vse all kyndes of leather dressed and currye in that maner of drye currying and freesinge, as they lawfullye myghte before the makyng of thys Acte, so that the same leather so to be vsed, be well and sufficiently tanned, accordinge to the sourme prescribed in thys Acte, and also well and substancially dressed, currye, and freesed, in the kynde of dry currying and freesyng abouesayde.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte and euery part therof, shalbe construed and adjudged to extend to Wales, as amplye as it doth to thys Realme of England, to al intentes, constructions and purposes.

And forasmuch as (notwithstanding the good lawes and greate penaltyes in that behalfe prouided) great quantities of leather are

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dayly transported out of thys Realme, and specially by the negligence and corruption of comptrollers, customers, serchers, & theyr deputies: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any leather, wrought, cut, or vnwrought, to the intent to be sold or barred, shall hereafter vnlawfully be transported or purposed to be transported into the partes beyonde the Sea, from and out of any Porte, Hauen, or Creeke, of thys Realme or Wales, euerye Comptroller, Customer, Surueyour, Collectoure of tonnage and pondage, and Searcher, and the deputie of anye of them, or anye other person hearyng or knowynge by anye wayes of any leather ment to be transported from anye place wythin hys office, and do not his best endeuour to sease the same, or beynge transported, doo not disclose or cause to be disclosed the same within .xl. dayes nexte after suche knowledge or hearyng the same, in some courte of Recorde, so as the offendour may be punyshed according to the lawes in that case prouyded: shall for euery the fyrst offence commytted agaynst thys article forfayt a C. li. and for the seconde offence shall forfayt hys office.

And be it further enacted, that euery Customer, officer, or officers deputye that shall make any false certificate of the arriuall of any leather in any Port, Creeke, or place of this Realme, shall also forfait for euery such offence a. C. li.

Prouyded alway, that neyther, thys acte, nor any artycle, exposition, or thyng therin conteyned, shall extend to anye Scottish hydes to be brought into the towne of Barwicke out of the realme of Scotlande, beynge registred in a booke therefore to be kepte by such person or personnes as the Maior of the sayde towne for the tyme beyng shall therunto name and appoynt, with the name and surname of the byer and seller, to thintent the Englyshe hides may be knowen from the Scottyshe, but that the inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Barwiche maye sende, carry, and transporte suche Scottyshe hydes as they lawefully myghte transporte before the makynge of thys acte.

And forasmuche as the statutes heretofore made touchynge Cordwayners, Currryers, Tanners, and leather, haue ben throughly considered, and so muche of them and euery of theym, as semeth requisite and necessarye to be reuyued and continued, is inserted and enacted in thys presente acte: Be it therefore enacted, that the Statutes hereafter mentioned, that is to saye, one Statute made in the .xxv. yeare of kynge Edwarde the thyrde, the fourthe Chapter. And one other Statute made in the twelfth yeare

of the raygne of kynge Richarde the seconde the.xii. Chapter. And one other Acte or Statute made in the fourth yere of kyng Henry the fourth the.xxxv.Chapter. And one other act made in the secōd yere of kyng Henry the syxt the.vii.Chapter. And one other Acte made in the fourth yeare of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, intituled Cordwayners and Coblers. And one other acte made in the fyrste yere of kyng Henry the seuenth, intituled an act against Tanners and Cordwainers. And one other acte made in the. ix. yeare of the reygne of the saide king Henry the seuenth, entytuled for Curriers and Cordwayners. And one other acte made in the thirde yeare of the reigne of our late soueraygne Lorde kyng Henry the eight, intituled an acte for Curriers to haue searche of leather. One other acte made in the fyfth yeare of our sayde soueraygne Lorde kinge Henry the eyght, entituled an Acte for straungers for bying of leather in open market. One other act made in the.xiiii.or.xv.yeres of our saide late soueraigne Lord, intituled an act concernyng the lybertie of Cordwayners & Shoemakers. And one other acte made in the.xxii.yeare of oure sayd Soueraygne Lord King Henry the eyght, intituled an acte concerning Tanners and Butchers. And one other acte made in the.xxiiii.yere of our sayde late soueraygne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, intituled an acte concernynge true tannyng and currying of leather. And one other acte made in the second and third yeres of the reygne of our late soueraygne Lorde kyng Edwarde the syxt the.ix. Chapter, and reuyued in the fyrste yere of oure soueraygne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, intituled an acte for true currying of leather. One other acte made in the thyrd and fourth yeres of our sayde soueraygne Lorde king Edward the syxt, entituled an acte for bying rough hydes and Calues skynnes. And as much of an acte made in the.v.and.vi.yeares of our sayde late soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the.vi.intytuled an Acte agaynst regrating of tanned leather, as doth prouide or geue libertie to any person or persons to carrye ouer anye shoes, bootes, buskynnes, startvppes, slyppers, and other made wares to the towne of Callyce. And one other acte made in the fyrst yeare of our Soueraigne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, intituled an acte touchyng Shoemakers & Curriers. And one other act made in the said first yeare, intytuled an acte touchynge sellyng of tanned leather: shall from and after the sayde feast of Saynt Michaell next commyng be vtterly repealed.

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## An Act for the punishment of such persons as shal procure or commyt wilfull periury.

### The .ix. Chapter.

Where in the Parliamente holden at Westminster in the xxxii. yere of the reygne of the late kyng of famous memorye kynge Henry the .viii. emongest other thynges it was ordeyned, enacted, and established, ẏ no person or persons of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they were, should frō thenceforth vnlawfully suborne anye wytnes or witnesses, by letters, rewards, promises, or by any other sinister laboure or meanes for to maynteyne, any matter or cause, or to the disturbance or hynderaunce of Justice, or to the procurement or occasion of any maner of periury by false verdict or otherwyse, in any of the kynges courtes of the Chauncerye, the Starre chamber, the whyte hal, or els where wythin any the kynges dominions of England or Wales, or the marches of the same, where any person or persons haue, or from thenceforth shoulde haue aucthoritie by vertue of the kynges cōmission, patent, or writ, to holde plea of lande, or to examyne, heare, or determine any tytle of landes, or any matter or witnesses concerning the tytle, ryght, or interest of any lands, tenementes, or hereditamentes, vpon payne of forfaiture for euery such offence .x. li. thone moitie thereof to be to the kyng, & thother to the partie that would sue for ẏ same, as by the same estatute amonges diuers other thynges more playnly it doth appere. Sithens ẏ makyng wherof, for that the sayd penaltie is so smal towardes the offendours in ẏ behalfe, the sayd offence of subornation & sinister procuremēt of false witnesse hath neuerthelesse greatly encreased and augmēted, & by reason of the wilfull periury cōmitted by the same suborned witnesses, diuers & sundry of the Quenes Maiesties subiectes haue susteyned disherison & great impouerysshmente, as well of their landes & tenementes, as also of theyr goodes & cattelles.

Be it therfore enacted by our soueraygne Lady the Quene, by ẏ assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the cōmons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thaucthoritie of the same, that all & euery such person and persons which at any tyme after the .x. day of April next cōming, shall vnlawfully & corruptly procure any witnes or witnesses by letters, rewardes, promises, or by any other sinister & vnlawfull labour or meanes whatsoeuer, to commyt any wylfull & corrupt periury, in any matter or cause whatsoeuer, now depending or which hereafter shal depende in suite & variaunce, by any writ, action, bill, complaynt, or information, in anye wyse touching or concernyng any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, or any goodes, cattels, debts, or damages in any of the courtes before mentioned,

mentioned, or in any of the Queues Maiesties courtes of Record, or in any leete, viewe of frankepledge, or lawedaye, aunciente demeane courte, Hundrede Courte, courte Baron, or in the courte or courtes of the Stannary in the counties of Deuon. and Cornwal, or shall lykewyse vnlawfully and corruptly procure or subborne any witnes or witnesses, which shal from and after the sayd tenth daye of Aprill be sworne to testifye In perpetuam rei memoriam that then euery such offendour or offendours, shal for his, hers, or their said offence: being therof lawfully conuicted or attaynted, lose and forfayte the summe of forty pounds. And yf it happen any such offendour or offendours so being conuicted or attaynted, as aforsayd, not to haue any goodes or cattels, landes or tenementes, to the value of xl. li. that then euery such person so being conuicted or attaynted of any the offences aforesayde, shall for hys or their saide offence, suffer imprisonmente by the space of one halfe yeare, withoute Bayle or mainprise, and to stand vpon the pillorye by the space of one whole houre, in some market Towne next adioyning to the place, where the offence was committed, in open market there, or in the market towne it selfe, where the offence was comitted. And that no person or persons being so conuicted or attaynted, to be from thencefurth receaued as a witnes to be deposed or sworne in anye Court of Record within anye of the Queues hyghnes dominions of England, wales, or the marches of the same, vntill suche tyme as the iudgemente geuen against the sayd person or persons shalbe reuersed by attaynt or otherwyse, and that vpon euery such reuersall, the partyes grieued, to recouer hys or their damages against all suche person and persons as did procure the sayde iudgement so reuersed to be first geuen against them or any of them, by action or actions to be sued vpon this or their case or cases, according to the course of the common lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons after the sayde tenth day of Aprill next comminge, either by the subornation, vnlawful procurementes, sinistre perswasion or meanes of any others, or by their owne act, consent or agreement, wylfully and corruptly commit anymanner of wylfull periurye, in his or their deposition in anye of the Counts before mentioned, or being examined In perpetuam rei memoriam, that then euery person and persons so offending, and being therof lawfully conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this Realme, shal for hys or their sayde offence lose and forfeyt twentie poundes, and to haue imprysonment by the space of. vi. monethes without bayle or mainprise, any the other of such person or persones so offending, from thencefoorthe not to be receaued in anye Courte of Record within this Realme

Realme of Englande or Wales, or the marches of the same, untill suche time as the iudgement geuen against the said person or persons, shalbe reuersed by attaynt or otherwise. And that vpon euery such reuersall, the parties grieued to recouer his or their damages against all and euery such person and persons as did procure the sayd iudgement so reuersed, to be geuen against them or any of them, by action or actions to be sued vpon his or their case or cases, according to the course of the common lawes of this Realm. And if it happen the said offendour or offendours so offending, not to haue any goodes or cattels to the value of twentye poundes: that then he or they to be set on the Pillorie in some market place within the Shire, Citie, or Borough, where the sayde offence shall be committed, by the Sheriffe or his Ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any Citie or Towne corporate: And if it happen to be within any such Citie or Towne corporate, then by the said head officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or by his or their ministers, and there to haue both his eares nayled, and frō thenceforth to be discredited and disabled for euer to be sworne in any of the courtes of Recorde aforesayde, untill suche tyme as the iudgement shalbe reuersed, and thereupon to recouer his damages in maner and fourme before mentioned. The one moitie of all which summes of money, goods and cattels, to be forfaited in maner and fourme aforesaide, to be to the Queene our soueraigne Lady, her heires & successours, and thother moitie to suche person or persons as shalbe grieued, hindered, or molested, by reason of any the offence or offences before mentioned, that will sue for the same by action of debt, byll, plaint, information or otherwise, in any of the Quenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, in the which no wager of lawe, essoigne, protection, or inunction, to be alowed.

And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that aswell the Iudge and Iudges of euery such of the said courtes wher any suche suite is or shalbe, and where vpon any suche periury is or shal happen to be committed: as also the Iustices of Assises and goale deliuery in their seueral circuites, and the Iustices of the peace in euery Countie within this Realme or in Wales, at their quarter Sessions, both within the liberties and without: shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue hereof, to enquire of all and euery the defaultes and offences perpetrated, committed or done, contrary to this Act, by inquisition, presentment, byll, or information before them exhibited, or otherwise, lawefully to heare and determine the same, and thereupon to geue iudgement, awarde proces, and execution of the same, according to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of Assise, of euery circuite within this Realme and els where within the Quenes dominions, shall in euery countie within their circuites, two tymes in the yere, that is to saye, in time of theyr sittinges, make open proclamation of this estatute, or of the effect therof, to thintent no person or persons shalbe ignoraunt or miscognisaunt of the penalties herein conteyned.

Prouided also that this Acte nor any thing therin conteyned, shall not extende to any spirituall or ecclesiasticall court or courtes within this Realme of Englande or Wales, or the marches of the same: But that all and euery suche offendour or offendours as shal offende in fourme aforesayde, shall and may be punished by suche vsuall and ordinary lawes as heretofore hath bene and yet is vsed and frequented in the sayde ecclesiasticall Courtes: Any thing in this present Acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, vpon whom any proces out of any the courtes of Record within this Realme or Wales, shalbe serued, to testifie or depose, concerning any cause or matter depending in any of the same courtes, and hauing tendred vnto him or them, according to his or their countenaunce or calling, suche reasonable summes of money for his or their costes and charges, as hauing regarde to the distaunce of the places is necessary to be alowed in that behalfe, do not appeare according to the tenour of the said proces, hauing not a lawful and reasonable let or impediment to the contrary: that then the partie making default, to lose and forfait for euery such offence, x. li. and to yelde suche further recompence to the partie grieued, as by the discretion of the Judge of the court out of the whiche the saide proces shalbe awarded, according to the losse and hinderaunce that the partie which procured the said proces shall susteyne, by reason of the non appearaunce of the sayde witnes or witnesses, the saide seuerall summes to be recouered by the partie so greued against the offendour or offendours, by action of debte, byll, playnt, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Record, in whiche no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection to be alowed.

Prouided alwais that this act or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend in any wise to restraine the power or aucthoritie geuen by Acte of Parliament, made in the time of King Henry the. vii. to the Lorde Chauncelour of England, & others of the kinges councell for the time beyng, to examine and punish ryotes, routes, heynous periuries, and other offences & misdemeaninges, which Lord

Chauncelour and other sithens the making of the saide Acte, haue most commonly vsed to heare and determine suche matters in the Court at Westminster commonly called the Star chamber, nor to restraine the power or aucthoritie of the Lord president and counsell in the marches of Wales, or of the Lorde President and counsell in the North, nor of any other Judge hauing absolute power to punishe periurie before the making of this statute: But that they and euery of them shall and may proceade in the punishment of all offences heretofore punishable, in suche wise as they might haue done, and vsed to do before the making of this acte, to all purposes, so that they set not vpon the offendour or offendours lesse punishement then is conteyned in this acte. This acte to continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament.

## An Acte to reuiue a Statute made Anno .xxi. H.viii. touching seruaunts embeasilyng their masters goodes.

### The .x. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yeare of the reygne of the late kinge of moost famouse and worthie memorie king Henry the eyght, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution therof: It was ordeined and enacted amonges other thinges that all and singuler seruauntes to whom any Cashettes, Jewels, money, goodes, or cattelles, by his or their maister or maistres, shoulde from thencefoorth be deliuered to kepe, that yf any suche seruaunt or seruauntes withdrawe him or them from their sayde masters or maistresses and go away with the said Cashets, Jewels money, goodes, or cattelles, or any parte thereof, to the intent to steale the same, and defraud his or their said maisters & maistresses therof, contrary to the trust and confidence to him or them put, by his or their said maisters and maistresses: Or els beyng in seruice of his said masters or maistresses, without thassent or comaundement of his masters or maistresses embesell the same Casketts, Jewels, money, goodes, or cattels, or any part therof, or otherwise conuert the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to steale it, that yf the sayde Cashettes, Jewels, money, goodes, or cattelles, that any such seruaunt shall go away with, or which he shall embesell,

with purpose to steale it, as is afore saide, be of the value of .xl.s. or aboue: That then the same false, fraudulent, and vntrue acte and demeanour, should from thencefoorth be demed and adiudged fellonye, and that he or they so offending, shoulde be punished as other fellons for fellony committed, by the course of the cõmon law, as by the sayd Acte amonges other thinges therin conteined more at large it doth and may appeare. Which sayd Acte, in the Parliament begon and holden at Westminster the .v. day of October in the fyrst yere of the reigne of the late Quene Mary, and there continued to the .xxi. day of the same moneth, that is to saye, in the fyrst session of the same Parliament, by the generall wordes of the Act then and there made, entituled an Acte repealyng of certaine treasons, fellonyes, and premunire, was from thencefoorth vtterly repealed and made voyde.

And forasmuch as sithens the repeale of the same, the sayd Acte is thought necessary for the common wealth of this Realme: Be it therfore enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the said Acte made in the saide .xxi. yere, and euery clause, article, braunche, sentence, and prouision therin conteyned, be from henceforth reuiued and put in due execution. according to thintent and meaning therof, and from henceforth shall stande good, endure, and continue for euer.

## An Acte against the clipping, washing, rounding, or fyling of the Coynes.

### The .xi. Chapter

WHERE as the offences of clypping, rounding, washinge, and fylinge of moneyes or coynes of this Realme, was declared by an Acte of Parliament in the time of king Henry the fyfth, to be treason to the king and the Realme, and according to the sayde Acte, the same offences were and did continue treason, vntill the fyrst yere of the reigne of Queene Mary: At whiche tyme, the paynes and penalties due for the sayde offences, were abrogate and taken awaye, by the generall Acte of repeale then made. By reason wherof, diuers false and euill disposed persons, perceauing them selues to be lose and free from the seueritie and daunger of the sayde lawe and penaltie, haue bene of late the more hardie and bolde to attempte and practise, for wicked lucre and gaynes

gaynes sake, to diminishe, impayre, and falsifie the moneys and coynes curraunt within this Realme, and the dominions of the same, by such clypping, washing, rounding, and fyling thereof, (not onely) to the great dishonour of the Quenes Maiestie our soueraigne Lady that nowe is, by whose great goodnes the newe moneys or coynes of the same, are nowe reduced to as muche fynenesse as euer hath bene in any time of her noble progenitours (but also) to the great losse and damage of the good subiectes of this Realme, and more is like to be hereafter, yf the same be not spedely met withall.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted, declared, and established, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the firste day of Maye next comming, Clypping, washing, rounding, or fyling, for wicked lucre or gaynes sake, of any the proper moneys or coynes of this Realme, or of the dominions thereof, or of the moneys or coynes of any other Realme, allowed and suffred to be curraunt within this Realme, or the dominions thereof, at this present, or that hereafter at any time shall be the lawefull moneys or coynes of this Realme or of the dominions thereof, or of any other Realme, and by proclamation allowed and suffred to be curraunt here, by the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours: shalbe taken, demed, and adiudged by vertue of this Acte, to be Treason, and the offendours therein, their counsaylours, consentours, and aydours, shalbe frō and after the same fyrst day of May taken, demed, and adiudged as offendours in Treason, and being therof lawefully conuicted or attainted, according to the due order and course of the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paynes of death, and lose and forfait al his and their goodes and catteles, and shall also lose and forfait all his and their landes and tenementes, during his and their naturall life or liues onely.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, which haue any lawefull graunt to haue and enioy the forfayture of landes, tenementes, goodes, or catteles of offendours, and men attainted in high Treason, within any Manour, Lordeship, Towne, Parishe, Hundrede, or other precinct within this Realme of Englande or Wales: shall and may at all times hereafter haue like liberty, to take, lease and enioye all such forfaitures of landes, tenementes, goodes, and catteles, as shall come or growe within their liberties, by force of the attendour of any person or persons, for, and vpon any offence or offences made treason by this Acte, as they or any of them shoulde, ought, or might haue, by vertue of any good and lawefull graunt to them or any of them heretofore had or made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this Acte nor any thing therein conteyned, nor any attayndour or attayndours of any person or persons for any offence or offences made treason by this Acte, shall in any wyse extende, or be iudged, interpreted, or expounded, to make any corruption of bloud, to any the heyre or the heyres of any suche offendour or offendours, or to make the wife of any such offendour to lose or forfait her dower, of, or in any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or her tytle, action, or interest in the same: Any thinge in this Acte conteined, or any attayndour or attayndours hereafter to be had for any offence or offences made treason by this Acte, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf any of the Lordes of the Parliament, or Peere of this Realme, for the time being, shall fortune at any time hereafter to be indicted of any offence made treason by this acte: that then they and euery of them shal haue his or their tryall by their peeres, as hath bene vsed heretofore in cases of high treason.

## ¶ An Act touching Badgers of Corne and Drouers of Cattell, to be licensed.

### The .xii. Chapter.

Wherein the Session of Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westminster the .xxiii. day of January in the fift yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lorde king Edward the sixt, amonges other thinges it was enacted, that whatsoeuer person or person, after the fyrst day of May then next ensuing, should ingrosse or get into his or their handes, by bying, contracting, or promise taking (other then by demise, graunt, or lease of lande or tythe) any Corne growing in the fieldes, or any other Corne or Grayne, Butter, Cheese, Fyshe, or other dead victualles whatsoeuer, within the Realme of England, to the intent to sell the same againe, shalbe accepted, reputed, and taken an vnlawefull engrosser or engrossers, with a prouiso and ordinaunce conteyned in the same acte, that it shoulde be lawefull to euery person or persons, being a common Badger, Lader, Kidder, or Carrier, which shalbe licensed, assigned and alowed therunto by three Justices of the peace of the Countie wher the said badger, lader, kidder, or carrier shall dwell, which shall sell or deliuer in open fayre or market, or to any other victualler, or to any other person or persons, for the prouision of his or theyr house or

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houlers, all such Corne, Fishe, Butter, or Cheese, as any such person or persons shall bye or cause to be bought, and that within one moneth next after he or they shall so bye any such corne, graine, butter or cheese, so that the same shalbe bought without forestalling: shall not be in any wise deemed, adiudged, or taken, anye offence contrary to the saide Acte.

And where also it is provided & enacted by the same Act of Parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to al and euery person and persons, knowen for a cõmon drouer or drouers, being licenced, authorised & alowed in writing by thre Justices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorũ, of the Countie or Counties where the same Drouer or Drouers shalbe most abiding & dwelling, to bye Cattell in such Shires or Counties where drouers haue bene wont in times past accustomably to bye Cattel, at their free libertie and pleasure, and to sell the same againe. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons which shalbe assigned and alowed by thre Justices of the peace of the Countie where he shall dwell, to bye, otherwise then by forestalling, Corne, Graine, or Cattell to be transposed or carried by water from any port or place within this Realme of Wales, vnto any other porte or place within the saide Realme or dominions, as in the said act amonges other thinges doth appere. Since the making of which Acte, such a great number of persons seking onely to liue easely and to leaue their honest labour, haue and do dayly seke to be alowed & licenced to the saide offices or doinges, being most vnfit and vnmete for those purposes, and also very hurtfull to the cõmon wealth of this Realme, aswell by thinhaunsing of the prices of corne and graine, and other the saide victualles, as also by the diminishing of the number of good and necessary but handwerk, which said number of drouers of Cattel, and badgers, laders, hidders, and carriers of corne and graine, are many times without good orders, and due consideratiõ, assigned and alowed thervnto, to the great prejudice of the cõmon wealth.

In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Cõmons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thauctholitie of the same, that no drouer of Cattel, Badger, lader, hidder, carrier, byer or transporter of Corne or Graine, butter or cheese, be from or after the feast of Easter next after the first day of this present Parliament, licenced, admitted, assigned, or alowed to those offices or doings, or to any of them, but only in the generall & open quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in the shire where such person or persons so to be admitted, assigned or alowed, doth or shall dwell, and hath or shall haue dwelled there by the space

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of three yeres next before the *Teste* of his saide licence. And that no person or persons after the first day of May next comming, be admitted to the saide offices or doinges, or to any of them, but suche only as be or haue ben maried men, and shalbe at the time of suche licence to be graunted, householders, and not householde seruauntes, nor retainers to any person or persons, and of the age of .xxx. yeres at the least. And that all licences being made & graunted as is abouesaide, shall haue continuaunce and be good onely for one yere nexte after the date thereof, and for no more nor longer time. Whiche saide licences and euery of them, shal beare date of the day and place where the saide Sessions shalbe holden, and shalbe signed and sealed with the proper hands and seales of thre of the said Justices of the peace being presente at the same Sessions at the least, whereof one to be of the Quorum, vpon paine that euery person or persons that shall take anye licence contrarye to this ordinaunce, to lose and forfait to our soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heires and successours, fiue poundes sterling. And that all licences made and graunted, or hereafter to be made and graunted, otherwise then is before expressed, shall from and after the first daye of May next comming, be voide and of none effect.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the peace, in the saide generall and open sessions, shall or may by their discretions, take bonde and suertie from time to time by Recognisance, of such as shalbe admitted or alowed hereafter a common drouer of cattell, badger, lader, kidder, carrier, or bier of corne graine, butter, or cheese, that they, nor anye of them, shall by colour of his or their licence, forestall or ingrosse, or otherwise practise to do any acte or thing contrary to the tenor and true meaning, or in defrauding the saide former estatute, or of anye matter or thing therein conteined. All whiche licences, and euerye of them, and the said Recognisaunces, shalbe made and written by the clarke of the peace of euery Countie where such licence shal be graunted, or by his lawefull deputie, and by none other person or persons. And euery person that shall haue any such licence, shall pay to the Clarke of the peace or his deputie, for making thereof, xii. d. at the most, and for euerye recognisaunce, in fourme abouesayde to be made and knowledged. viii. d. at the most, and for registring of the same licence and recognisaunce. iiii. d. at the moste. For which saide fee, the saide Clarke or his deputie, shall haue and kepe one Register booke, and therein shall register and write all the names, surnames, and dwelling places of suche as shalbe licenced as aforesaide, with a briefe declaration or entrye of the fayde licence, and of the day, time and place, where suche a licence

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or licences shalbe graunted. Whiche booke or Register, the saide Clarke of the peace or his deputie, shall haue and bringe to euerye Sessions, to thintent that it may appere what number of licences hee and shalbe from time to time graunted, wherby the better consideration may be had therof.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons, shall or maye by auctoritie of any suche licence aboue mentioned, bye any corne or graine out of open faier or market to sell againe, vnlesse such person and persons shalbe therevnto licenced, and shall haue speciall and expresse wordes conteined in such licence or licences, that he or they may so do, vpon paine to forfait for euery such time that any suche person or persons shall do to the contrary. x.li. The moitie of al which forfeitures afore rehearsed, shalbe to the Queene our soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the Quenes courtes of Record, by bill, plainte, action of debte, or information, in the which bill, plaint, action, or information, no wager of lawe, essoigne or protection shalbe admitted.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the peace in euery countie within this Realme or Wales, at the quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, to enquire, heare and determine all and euery the defaultes and offences, perpetrated, committed, or done contrary to this Acte, within the Countie where any such Sessions shalbe kept, by inquisition, presentment, bill, or information before theim exhibited, and by examination of two lawfull witnesses, or by any of the same waies or meanes, by the discretion of the said Justices, and to make proces therupon, as though they were indicted before them by inquisition, or by verdict of xii. men or mo. And vppon the conuiction of the offendour, by information or suite of anye other then the Quene, to make extractes of the moitie of the forfaitures to be leuied to the Quenes vse, as they vse to do of other fines and amerciamentes growen in the sessions of peace, and to award execution of the other moitie for the complainaunt or informer against the offender, by Fieri facias or Capias, as the Quenes Justices at Westminster may do, and vse to do. And if any suche conuiction or attainder, shall hereafter happen to be at the Quenes suite only, that then the whole forfaitures to be extracted and leuied to the Quenes vse only.

Prouided alwaies, that this Acte or any thing therin conteined, shall not in anye wise extende to the preiudice of the libertie of anye Citie or Towne corporate, but that they and euery

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of them shall and may lawfully assigne and licence purueyoures for the prouision of the same Citie or Towne corporate in such maner and fourme as they might lawfully haue done before the making of this Acte.

Prouided further, that this Acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shalbe in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall vnto any the inhabitauntes within the Counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Lancaster, Chester, and Yorke, or any of them, but that they maye do as heretofore they haue lawfully vsed to do: Any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

## ¶An Acte for the reuiuing of a Statute, made Anno.ii.&.iii.Phil.& Marie, for the amending of high waies.

### ¶The.xiii.Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the second and third yeres of the reignes of the late Princes, King Philip & Quene Marye: Amongest other good Actes the had and made, one necessary statute was prouided & established for the amendmente and reparation of the highe wayes within this Realme, whiche Acte was made to endure and continue for seuen yeres, and after the expiration of the sayde seuen yeres, till the ende of the Parliament then next ensuing, as by the same statute more plainelye appereth. Whiche seuen yeres, forasmuche as they be nowe expired and ended, and the saide Acte is very beneficiall and most necessarye to be continued, for the ease and common weale of the people of this lande: Be it therefore enacted by the Quenes excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie thereof, that the saide Acte made in the said second and thirde yeres of the reygne of King Philip & Quene Mary, touching and concerning the reparation and amendment of the highe wayes, and euery article and braunche of the same, shall from henceforth be, stand, and continue in full force, effecte, and strength, for and during the terme of.xx.yeres next folowinge from and after the beginning of this present Parliament, and after the expiration of the saide.xx.yeres, to thende of the Parliament then nexte after the ende of the said.xx.yeres to be holden and kept.

And forasmuche as the saide Statute made in the second and thirde yeres of king Philip and Quene Mary, in diuers partes of this

this Realme, serueth not to so good purpose and effect as it may be made, for that such substaunce and matter as is most fit and conuenient for the reparations of the saide waies, canne not be lawefully hadde, fetched, and taken out of the seuerall groundes and soile thereunto nighe or adioining, being no greate losse or detriment to the owners of the same seuerall groundes & soile, whereby the amendmente of the saide waies is litle encreased, or els of very small and slender continuaunce, to the great and continuall charge and trouble of the poore people inhabitinge thereaboutes.

For reformation wherof, and that the reparations of the sayde high waies may hereafter in good due maner well and sufficientlye be made: Be it further by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament enacted, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawefull to all and euery Superuisour and Superuisours and orderers of the woorkes for the time beinge, for the amendmente of the saide highe waies thereunto elected and appointed, accordinge to the Statute made in the seconde and third yeres of king Philip and Quiens Mary, for the better reparation and amendmente of the waies within their seuerall parishes and limittes where they shalbe so made Superuisours (if it shalbe so to them thoughte necessarye) to take and carrye awaye of the rubbishe or smalest broken stones of any quarrie or quarries lying and being within the parishe where they shalbe Superuisours, without licence, controlement, or impechement of the owner or owners, so muche as by their discretions shalbe demed and adiudged necessarye for the amendment of the sayd waies: And that for default of anye quarrie or quarries not beinge within their saide parishe or limittes, or in defaute of rubbishe not to be founde in any suche quarrie or quarries: It shall and may be lawefull to euery such Superuisour or superuisours, for the vse aforesaide, in the seuerall groundes of anye person or persones beinge within the parishe and limittes where they shalbe Superuisours, and nighe adioyninge to the waie or waies wherein such reparations shalbe thought necessary to be made, and wherein grauell, sande, or sinder, is likelye to be founde, to digge or cause to be digged for Grauell, Sande, or Sinder, and likewise to gather stones lying vppon anye landes or groundes within the parishe, and meete to be vsed to suche seruice and purpose, and therein to take and carrye awaye so muche as by discretion of the saide Superuisours shalbe thoughte necessarye to be imployed in the amendmente of the saide highe waies.

Prouided alwaies, that it shall not be lawfull to any such Superuisour

peruisour or superuisours by vertue of this Acte, to cause any rubbishe to be digged out of any quarry or quarries, but oneiye shall extende to such rubbishe as shalbe found there redy digged by the owner or owners of the saide quarrie or quarries, or otherwise by his or their licence and commaundement, nor shall not extende or geue aucthoritie to any superuisour or superuisoures to digge or cause to be digged any grauell, sande, or sinder, in the house, garden, or charde, or medowe of any person or persons, nor that it shall be lawefull by this act to any such superuisour or superuisoures to cause any more pittes to be digged for grauell in anye seuerall and inclosed ground, then one oneiye, and that the same pit or hole so digged for grauell as is aforesaide, shall not by any waye be in bredth or length aboue ten yardes ouer at the most. And that euery such Superuisour as shall cause any such pitte to be made and digged for grauell, sand, or sinder, as is aboue said, shal within one moneth next after any such digging or pitte made, cause the same to be filled and stopped vp with earth, at the costes and charges of the parishioners, vpon paine to forfaite to the owner or owners of the soile wherin any such pit shalbe made and digged, for euery default fiue markes, to be recouered by action of debte, as in other like cases of debte hath bene accustomed.

And forasmuch as the high waies in sundrye places of this Realme be full of continuall springes and water courses, by continuall encrease and sinking whereof into the grounde, the saide waies are not oneiye verye depe and daungerous, but also for the most part impossible to be amended and repaired in any good and sufficient maner, without some further remedie prouided for the same: Be it therefore by thaucthoritie aforesaide further enacted, that from henceforth euery such Superuisour and Superuisours as is aforesaide, shall by force of this acte, within the parishe or limittes where he or they shalbe Superuisours, haue full power and aucthoritie to turne any such water course or spring of water, being in any of the saide highe waies, into anye ditche or diches of the seuerall ground or soile of any person or persons whatsoeuer next adioining to the saide waies, in such maner and fourme, as by the discretions of the saide Superuisours shalbe thought meetest and most conuenient.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the hayes, fences, dikes, or hedges nexte adioyning on either syde to any highe or common fairing waye, shall from time to time be diched, scoured, repaired, and kept lowe, and all trees and bushes growing in the highe waies cutte downe by the owner or owners of the grounde or soile which shalbe inclosed with the saide hayes,

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fences, dikes or hedges aforesaide, wherby the saide wayes may be open, and the people haue more ready and easy passage in the same.

And whereas in the saide statute made in the saide second and thirde yeres of the reignes of the saide king Phillippe and Quene Mary, there are but foure dayes yerely appointed for the reparations and amendement of the saide high wayes: Be it further by this present Parliament enacted, that from henceforth there shalbe yerely six daies, during the time and force of this estatute, obserued vsed, and imployed in reparation and amendment of the said high wayes, in like maner and fourme as the saide foure dayes were limitted and appointed to be obserued and kept, by the saide estatute made in the saide second and thirde yeres of king Phillip and Quene Mary.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that from henceforth, all and euery such Superuisour, or Superuisours, for the time being, within one moneth nexte after default or offence made, done, or committed by any person or persons, contrary to the prouision, purport and true meaning of the saide estatute made in the second and third yeres of king Phillippe and Quene Mary, or contrary to the prouision, purport and true meaning of this present Act, shal present euery such default or offence, to the next Justice of peace, for the time being, vpon payne to forfait for euery suche default and offence, in such sort not by them presented. xl.s. And that euery suche Justice of peace, to whom any such default or offence shalbe presented, as is aforesaid, shal certifie the same presentmẽt so to him made, at the nexte generall Sessions within the said County then next after to be holden, vpon payne to forfait for not certifying of euery such presentment, of euery such default or offence, as is aforesaid. v.li. And that the Justices of peace of euery Coũtie, wher the said defaultes or offences shalbe committed, shall immediatly haue authoritie to enquire of any such default or offence committed within the limittes of their commission, at euery their quarter Sessions, and to assesse suche fines for the same as they or two of them, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, shall thinke meete.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that euery Justice of peace, shall haue authoritie by this statute, vpon his own proper knowledge in the open generall Sessions, to make presentment of any high waye not well and sufficiently repayred and amended, or of any other default or offence cõmitted or done within the countie & limittes of his commission, contrary to the prouision and entent of this statute, or the said statute made in the secõd and third yeres of king Phillip and Quene Mary. And that euery such presentment, made by any such Justice of peace, vpon his own

knowledge, as is aforesaid, shalbe as good and of the same force strength & effect in the law, as if the same had ben presented, found, and adiudged by the oth of xii. men. And that for euery such default so presented, as is aforesaide, the Iustices of the peace of the sayde Countie shall immediatly at the said general Session, haue auctoritie to assesse such fines, as to them or two of them, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, shalbe thought mete. Sauing euery person & persons, that shalbe touched by any such presentement, to haue his or their lawful trauers to the same presentmēt, as they might haue vpon any Inditement of trespas, or forcible entrye, by the lawes of this Realme, before the making of this statute.

And that all suche fines, forfaitures, and amerciamentes to be assessed by the said Iustices of the peace, at their general Sessions in any the cases aforesaid, shalbe estreated by the clerke of the peace of the said Countie, and shalbe leuied in suche maner and fourme, and employed to suche vses and ententes, as in the saide statute made in the second and third yeres of King Phillippe and Quene Mary, is limitted and appoynted. This Acte to continue for twentie yeres nexte after the beginning of this present Parliament, and from thence vntil the ende of the Parliament, then next after to be holden.

## An Acte against the forging of Euidences and Writinges.

### The .xiiii. Chapter.

FOr asmuche as the wicked, pernicious, and daungerous practise of making, forging, and publishing of false and vntrue Charters, euidences, dedes, and writinges, hath of late time bene very muche more practised, vsed and put in vre in all partes of this Realme, then in times passed, not onely to the high displeasure of God, but also to the great iniurie, wronge, hurt, domade, disherison, & vtter vndoing of diuers the Quenes maiesties subiectes of this Realm, and to the great subuersion of Iustice and truth, which semeth to haue growen and happened chiefely by reason that the paynes and punishmentes limitted for such great and notable offences, by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, before this time haue bene and yet are so smal, milde, and easie, that suche euill people haue not ben, nor yet are afraied to enterprise the practising and doing of suche offences: Be it therfore enacted by the Quenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spi-

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ritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the first day of June, now next comming, vpon his or their owne head and imagination, or by false conspiracie and fraude with others, shall wittingly, subtelly, and falsely forge or make, or subtelly cause, or wittingly assent to be forged or made, any false dede, Charter, or writing sealed, court role, or the will of any person or persons in writing, to the intent that the state of freehold or inheritaunce of any person or persons, of, in, or to any lands, tenementes or hereditamentes, freeholde or Copie holde, or the right, title or interest of any person or persons, of, in, or to the same, or any of them, shall or may be molested, troubled, defeated, recouered or charged, or after the said first day of June, shall pronounce, publishe or shewe forth in euidence, any such false and forged dede, Charter, writing, Court role, or will, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, as is aboue said, to the intent aboue remembred, and shall be therof conuicted either vpon action or actions of forger of false dedes, to be founded vpon this statute, at the suite of the party greued, or otherwise, according to the order & due course of the lawes of this Realme, or vpon bill or information to be exhibited into the court of the Starr chamber, according to the order and vse of that court: shall pay vnto the partie grieued, his double costes and damages, to be founde or assessed in that Court wher such conuiction shalbe, and also shalbe set vpon the Pillorie, in some open market towne, or other open place, and there to haue both his eares cut of, and also his nosethrelles to be slit and cut, and seared with an hot yron, so as they may remaine for a perpetuall note or marke of his falshead, and shal forfait to the Quene our soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours the whole issues and profites of his landes and tenementes during his life, and also shall suffer and haue perpetual imprisonment during his life. The said damages and costes to be recouered at the suite of the party greued, as is aforesaid, to be first paied and leuied, of the goods and Cattels of the offendour, and of the issues and profites of the said landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of such partie conuicted, or of one or both of them, the said title of our said soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heires or successours to the same, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, after the said first day of June, vpon his or their owne heade or imagination, or by false conspiration or fraude had with any other, shall wittingly, subtelly, & falsely forge or make, or wittingly, subtelly, and falsely cause, or assent to be made & forged, any false Charter, dede, or writing, to the intent that any person or

persons shal or may haue, or claime any estate or interest, for tearme of yeres, of in, or to any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditaments, not being copie hold, or any annuitie in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, liues, or yeres, or after the said day, shal as is aforesaid forge, make, or cause or assent to be made or forged any obligatiō or bil obligatorie, or any acquittaūce, release, or other discharge of any debte, accompt, action, suite, demaund, or other thing personall, or if any person or persons, after the said firste day of June, shall pronounce, publish, or geue in euidēce any such false or forged Charter, dede, writing, obligation, bil obligatoritie, acquittaunce, release or discharge, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, and shalbe thereof conuicted, by any the wayes or meanes aforesaide: that then he shal paye vnto the partie greued his double costes and damages, to be found and assessed in suche court, where the saide conuiction shalbe had, and shalbe also set vpon the Pillorie in some open market towne, or other open place, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, and also shall haue and suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without bayle or mainprise.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the partie and parties grieued, by reason of any the offences aforesaid, shall and may at his and their pleasure, haue and sue his action of forgee of false dedes, vpon this statute, against any the offendours in the same, by originall writte out of the Quenes highnes Court of Chauncery, and shall and may haue like processe vpon the same, as in cases of trespasse at the common lawe, or may at his pleasure take his suite against any suche offendours, in any the premisses, by bill, before the Quenes highnes, her heyres and successours, in her Court commonly called the kinges Benche, or in the Court of the Exchequer, in which suites, no essoygne, iniunction or protection shalbe allowed for the partie defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that yf the partie defendaunt shalbe conuicted for any of the offences aforesaid according to the order and fourme aboue limitted, and shall haue receaued therupon punishment corporall, according to this acte: that then he shall not eftsones be empeached for the same offence.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that although the partie or parties plaintife, in any such action or bil to be sued, as is aforesaid, shal after verdit passed against the defendaunt or defendaūtes, happen to releasse or discharge the iudgemēt or execution vpon the same or otherwise suffer the same to be discōtinued that yet neuertheles the same releasse, discharge, or discontinuaūce shall extend only to discharge such costes & damages, as the same plaintifes should haue had against the defendaunte, and that the

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Judges before whom the said action or suite shalbe taken, shall and may proceede to iudgement of and vpon the residue of the said penalties and forfaytures, and to commaund execution vpon the same, the saide release, discontinuance or other discharge, had made, done, or sufferred by the partie plaintife in any wise notwithstanding. This Acte or any thing therein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, being hereafter conuicted or condempned of any the offences aforesaid, by any the waies or meanes aboue limitted, shall after any such his or their conuiction or condemnatiō eftsones commit or perpetrate any of the said offences in fourme aforesaide: that then euery such second offence or offences shalbe adiudged felonie, and the parties being therof conuicted or attainted according to the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer suche paines of death, losse and forfaiture of their goodes, cattels, landes and tenementes, as in cases of felonie by the common lawes of this Realme, ought to be lost or forfaited, without hauing any aduauntage or benefite of Clergie or Sanctuary. Sauing to euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporat, their heires and successours, other then the said offendors, and such as claime to their vses, al such rightes, titles, interestes, possessions, liberties of distresses, leases, rentes, reuercions, offices, and other profites and aduauntages, which they or any of them shal haue at the time of suche conuiction or attaindours, of, in, or to any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of any such person, so as is aforesaid, conuicted or attainted, or at any time before, in as large and ample maner to al intentes and purposes, as if this Act had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that any such conuiction or attaindour of felonie, as is aforesaid, or any forfaiture by reason of the same, shal not in any wise extend to take away the dower of the wife of any such person attainted, nor to the corruption of bloud, or disherison of any the heire or heires of any such person or persons so attainted: This Acte or any thinge therin conteined, or any other statute, law, vsage, custome or thing heretofore vsed to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to charge any Ordinary or any their Cōmissaries, officials, registers, or any other their officers or ministers, with any the offences aforesaide, for putting their Seale of office to any will, to be exhibited vnto thē, not knowing the same to be false or forged, or for writing of the said will or probate of the same: This Acte or any thinge

therin conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery Justices of Oyer and determiner, and Justices of Assise in their circuites and euery of them, shall haue full power and aucthoritie in euery of their open and generall Sessions, to enquire, heare and determine, of all and euery the offences aforesaide, committed or done within the limittes of their Commission, and to make processe for the execution of the same, as they may do against any person, being indited before them of trespasse, or lawefully conuicted thereof.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all other statutes heretofore made & prouided for forger of false dedes, Charters, munimentes or writings, and al and euery penaltie appointed by the same, shal from and after the said first day of June, be voyd and of none effect in the lawe: Any such statute or thinge therin conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this Acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend or be hurtefull in any wise to any Proctour, Aduocat, or Register of any Ecclesiastical court within this realm, for the writing, setting forth, or pleading of any proxie made according to the Ecclesiasticall lawes, or customes, heretofore vsed and allowed by the Ecclesiastical courtes of this Realme, for the appearaunce of any person or persons, being cited to appere in any of the said Courtes Ecclesiastical, nor to any Archdeacon or officiall, for putting their Autentique Seale to the said proxies, or proxie, neyther yet to any Judge Ecclesiasticall for admitting of ẏ same: But that they and euery of them may hereafter do in al pointes, concerning the same, as they and euery of them might lawfully haue done before the making of this Acte: Any thing in this Acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persones, whatsoeuer, that hath of his or their owne heade, or by false conspiracie and fraude with any other, wittinglye, subtelly, and falsely forged or made, or shall before the saide firste daye of June, forge and make any false deede, charter, or writing sealed, or the wille of any person in writing, or any Courterolle, to the entente that the state of freeholde or inheritaunce, or the right, tytle or interest of inheritaunce or freehold of any person or persons, of, in, or to any manours, lands, tenemēts or hereditamentes, being freehold or copiehold, or that by any such forged dede, charter, Courtroll or writing, before the saide fyrste daye of June, shall or may be molested, troubled, or defeated of any the said estates of any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes,

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beinge freholde or copieholde, or if any person or persons haue heretofore published or shewed forthe in euidence, or before the saide firste daye shall publishe or shewe in euidence, for the proofe of anye title, any false and forged dede, charter, writyng, will or Courte-rolle as true knowinge the same to be false and forged, as is afore-sayde, to the intent aboue remembred, and shalbe therof attainted or conuicted, according to the order of the lawes of this Realme, either in an action of forger of false faites, or in an action vppon the case, at the suite of the partie greued, his heyres, executours, or assignes: that then the partie so conuicted, shall paye and yelde damages and costes of suite, to the plaintife as shalbe assessed, according to the order of the lawes of this Realme, in any suche like action or suite, and shall suffer imprisonment, and paye fyne and raunsome at the pleasure of the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours. And if any person or persons, shall after the saide firste daye of June, pleade, publishe, or shewe forth in euidence, or otherwise, for the proofe of any title, any false and forged deede, charter, writinge, will or courtrolle, (heretofore falsely made and forged, or to be falsely made and forged before the saide firste day of June) as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, to the intente to haue or claime thereby any estate of inheritaunce, freholde, or lease of yeares, in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or anye annuitie, rent or profite forthe of anye manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, or to the intente to alter, defeate, molest, trouble, charge, or recouer the estate of inheritaunce, freholde, or for yeres of any person, in any manors, landes, tenementes, rentes or hereditamentes: That then euerye person and persons that shall so offende, and shalbe thereof conuicted in fourme firste aboue remembred, shall paye vnto the partie grieued, double costes and damages, and shall haue imprisonment, losse of eares, slitting and searing of nose, and forfaiture of landes, in the same maner and fourme as aboue is limitted for anye person that shall offende by forging or publishing of any false dede or writing, as is afore saide, after the aforesaid firste daye of June.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie afore-saide, that this Acte nor any paine, forfaiture, or thing therein conteined, shal extend to any Attourney, Lawier, or Councelour, that shall for his client pleade, shewe forth, or geue in euidence any false and forged deede, Charter, will, Courtroll, or other writinge, for true or good, being not party and priuie to the forging of the same, for the pleading, shewing forth, or geuing in euidence of the same: Anye thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that this Acte, or anye thinge therein conteined, shall not extende to anye person or persons, that shall pleade or shewe forth any dede or writing exemplified vnder the great Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of any other Autentique Court of this Realme, nor shall extende to anye Judge or Justice, or other person, that shall cause any Seale of any Court to be set to anye such deede, Charter, or writinge inrolled, not knowing the same to be false or forged: Any thinge in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

## ¶ An Acte against fonde and Phantasticall Prophesies.

### ☞ The. xv. Chapter.

Forasmuche as sithens the expiration and ending of the Statute made in the time of Kinge Edward the sixt, entituled an acte against fond and fantastical prophesies, diuers euill disposed persōs enclined to the stirring & mouing of factions, seditions and rebellions within this Realme, haue bene the more bolde to attempt the like practise in faining, imagining, inuenting and publishing of such fond and fantasticall prophesies, aswel concerning ẏ Quenes Maiestie, as diuers honorable personages, gētlemen, and others of this Realme, as was vsed & practised before the making of the said statute, to the great disquiet, trouble, and peril of the Quenes Maiestie, and of this her Realme. For remedie wherof: Be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, after the first day of Maye next comming, do aduisedly and directly aduaunce, publish and set forth by writing, printing, singing, or any other open speche or dede, to any persō or persons, any fond, phantastical or false prophesie, vpō or by the occasion of any armes, fieldes, beastes, badges or such other like thinges accustomed in armes, cognisances or signettes, or vpō, or by reason of any time, yere or day, name bludshed or war, to the intent thereby to make any rebelliō, insurrection, dissention, losse of life, or other disturbaunce within this Realme, and other the Quenes dominions: that then euery such person being

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thereof lawefullye conuicted, accordinge to the due course of the lawes of this Realme, for euery such offense shal suffer imprisonment of his bodie by the space of one yere without baile or mainprise, and shall forfaite for euerye suche offence the summe of tenne poundes. And if anye suche offendoure do after suche conuiction eftsones offend in any of the premisses, and be therof lawfully conuicted, as is aforesaid, that then euery such offendour shall for his second offence and conuiction as is aforesaid, suffer imprisonment of his bodie without baile or mainprise during his life, and shal forfait al his goods and cattels realles and personales. The moities of euerye whiche forfeitures, shalbe to the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moities thereof, to him that shal or will sue for the same in any of the Quenes courtes of record by action, bill, plaint or information, in which case no essoigne, wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and euery Justice of assise, Justice of Oyer and determiner, Justice of peace, shal haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue hereof, to enquire, here and determine, all and euery offence or offences aboue-said, committed or done within the limits of their commission, contrary to the tenour and meaning of this Acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, shall at any time hereafter be empeched for any offence hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to this act, vnlesse he be therefore empeached or accused within fiue monethes nexte ensuing any such offence, by him or them committed or done.

## An Acte against Conjurations, Enchauntmentes and Witchcraftes.

### The.xvi. Chapter.

WHere at this present, there is no ordinarye ne condigne punishment prouided against the practises of the wicked offences of coniuratiõs & inuocatiõs of euill Spirites, & of Sorceries, Enchauntmentes, charmes and witchcrafts, the which offences, by force of a statute made in the.xxviii. yere of ỹ reigne of the late king Henry the.viii. were made to be felony, & so continued vntil the said Statute was repealed by the acte and statute of

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repele made in the firſt yere of the reigne of the late king Edward the ſixte: Sithens the repeale whereof, many fantaſticall and diuelliſhe perſons haue deuiſed and practiſed Inuocations and Coniurations of euill and wicked Spirites, and haue vſed and practiſed witchcraftes, enchauntmentes, charmes, and Sorceries, to the deſtruction of the perſons and goods of their neighbours, and other ſubiects of this Realme, & for lewde intents and purpoſes, contrary to the lawes of almightie God, to the peril of their owne ſoules, and to the great infamie and diſquietnes of this Realme.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the Quenes Maieſty, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the Cõmons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctority of the ſame, that if any perſõ or perſons, after the firſt day of June next comming, vſe, practiſe, or exerciſe any Inuocations or Coniurations of euill and wicked ſpirites, to or for any intent or purpoſe, or els if any perſon or perſons, after the ſaid firſt day of June, ſhall vſe, practiſe, or exerciſe any witchcraft, enchauntment, charme, or Sorcery, wherby any perſon ſhal happen to be killed or deſtroied: that then aſwell euery ſuch offendoure or offendours in Inuocations or coniurations, as is aforeſaide, their aiders and coũcellers, as alſo euerie ſuch offender or offenders, in witchcrafte, enchauntmente, charme, or Sorcerie, whereby the death of any perſon doth enſue, their aiders and counſailers, being of either of the ſaide offences lawfullye conuicted and attainted, ſhall ſuffer paines of death, as a felon or felons, and ſhal loſe the priuiledge and benefite of Clergie and ſanctuarie. Sauing to the wife of ſuche perſon, her title of dower, and alſo to the heire and ſucceſſour of ſuche perſon, his or their titles of inheritaunce, ſucceſſion, and other righes, as though no ſuch attaindour of the ſuntceſſour or predeceſſour, had bene had or made.

And further, be it enacted by the auctority aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, after the ſaid firſt day of June nexte comming, ſhal vſe, practiſe, or exerciſe any witchcraft, enchauntment, charme or ſorcery, wherby any perſon ſhal happen to be waſted, conſumed, or lamed on his or her body or member, or wherby any goods or cateis of any perſon ſhalbe deſtroied, waſted, or impaired: then euery ſuche offendour or offendours, their counſailers and aiders, being therof lawfullye conuicted, ſhall for his or their firſt offence or offences ſuffer impriſonment by the ſpace of one whole yere, without baile or mainprize, & once in euery quarter of the ſaide yere, ſhall in ſome market towne, vpon the market day, or at ſuch time as any Faire ſhalbe kept, there ſtand openly vpon the pillorie, by the ſpace of vi. houres, and there ſhall openly confeſſe his or her errour and offence,

offence, and for the seconde offence, being as is aforesaide, lawfully conuicted or attainted, shall suffer death, as a felon, and shall lose the priuiledge of Clergie and Sanctuary. Sauing to the wife of suche person, her title of dower, and also to the heyre and successour of such person, his or their titles of inheritance, succession, and other rightes, as though no suche attaindour of the auncestour or predecessour had bene had or made.

Prouided alwaies, that if the offendour in any of the cases aforesaide, for which the paines of death shal ensue, shall happen to be a peere of the Realme, then his triall therin to be had by his peeres, as it is vsed in cases of fellonie or treason, and not otherwise.

And further, to the entent that al maner of practise, vse, or exercise of Witchcraft, Enchauntment, Charme or Sorcery, should be from henceforth vtterly auoided, abolished, and taken awaye: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliamente, that if any persō or persons shal from and after the said first day of June nexte comming, take vppon him or them, by Witchcrafte, Enchauntment, charme or Sorcerye, to tell or declare in what place any treasure of golde or siluer should or might be found, or had in the earth, or other secret places, or where goodes or thinges loste, or stollen, should be founde or become, or shall vse or practise anye Sorcerie, Enchauntment, Charme or Witchcraft, to the intent to prouoke any person to vnlawful loue, or to hurt or destroy any person in his or her body, member, or goods: That then euery such person or persons so offending and being therof lawefully conuicted, shall for the saide offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere without baile or mainprise, and once in euery quarter of the saide yere, shall in some market towne, vppon the market daye, or at such time as any Fayre shalbe kept there, stande openlye vppon the Pillorie, by the space of sixe houres, and there shall openly confesse his or her errour and offence. And if any person or persons, being once conuicted of the same offences, as is aforesaid, do eftsones perpetrate and committe the like offence: That then euery suche offendour, being therof the seconde time conuicted, as is aforesaide, shall forfaite vnto the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, all his goodes and cattelles, and suffer imprisonment during life.

## An Acte for the punishment of the vice of Buggorie.

### The.xvii. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliamente begonne at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of the late king of moste famous memory king Henry the eight and after by prorogation holden at westminster, in the.xxv. yere of the reigne of the saide late kinge, there was one Acte and statute made, entituled an Acte for the punishment of the vice of Buggorie, whereby the saide detestable vice was made felonie, as in the saide Estatute more at large it doeth and may appeare. Forasmuche as the sayde statute, concerninge the punishmente of the saide crime and offence of Buggorie, standeth at this presente repealed and voyde, by vertue of the statute of repeale, made in the firste yeare of the reigne of the late Quene Mary: Sithen which repeale so had and made, diuers euill disposed persons, haue bene the more bolde to commit the sayde moste horrible and detestable vice of Buggorye aforesaid, to the highe displeasure of almightie God: Be it enacted, ordeined and established by the Quene our soueraigne Lady, and by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the saide statute before mentioned, made in the.xxv. yere of the saide late king Henry the eight, for the punishment of the said detestable vice of Buggorye, and euery braunche, clause, article, and sentence therein contained, shall from and after the firste day of June next comming, be reuiued, and from thenceforth shall stande, remaine, and be in full force, strength and effecte forever, in such maner, fourme, and condition as the same statute was at the daye of the death of the sayde late kinge Henrye the eight, the saide statute of repeale made in the saide firste yeare of the saide late Queene Mary, or anye wordes generall or speciall therin contained, or any other Acte or Actes, thing or thinges, to the contrary notwithstanding.

## ¶ An Acte declaring thaucthoritie of the Lord keper of the great Seale of England, and the Lorde Chauncelour, to be one.

### The .xviii. Chapter.

WHere some question hath of late rysen, whether like place, aucthoritie, preheminence, iurisdiction and power, doeth belong and of right ought to belonge to the office of the Lord keper of the great Seale of Englande for the time beyng, as of right doeth and ought to belong to the office of the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande for the tyme being, or not.

For declaration wherof, and in aduoyding suche question hereafter: Be it enacted and declared by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the common lawe of this Realme is, and alwayes was and ought to be taken, that the keper of the great Seale of Englande for the time beyng, hath alwaies had, vsed, and executed, and of right ought to haue, vse, and execute, and from henceforthe may haue, perceaue, take, vse, and execute, as of right belonging to thoffice of the keper of the great Seale of England for the time being, the same and like place, aucthoritie, preheminence, iurisdaction, execution of lawes, and all other customes, commodities, and aduauntages, as the Lorde Chauncelour of England for the time being, lawfully vsed, had, and ought to haue, vse, and execute; as of right belonging to the office of the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande for the time being, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, and as if the same keper of the great Seale for the time were Lord Chauncelour of Englande.

## ¶ An Acte for the repeale of a braunche of a Statute made Anno.i.Ed.vi. touching the conueying of Horses and Geldinges out of the Realme.

### The .xix. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the fyrst yere of the reigne of the late Kinge Edwarde the sixte, brother to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, amongest diuers other Statutes, there was one Acte and Statute made against

the carrying and conueying of any Horses, Geldinges, or Mares out of this Realme: In which Acte, amongest other thinges, there is one prouiso or braunche conteined in these wordes hereafter following. That is to say: Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawefull to euery of the kinges subiectes, that shall passe ouer beyonde the Sea, to shippe and carry with them Horses or Geldinges for their only occupation in their iourneies, and not to thintent to sell the same beyonde the Sea, and that intente to be iudged by othe of him or them that so will carry ouer any Horse or Geldinge, which othe shalbe taken before the Cullomers or Searcher or their deputies, of euery such Porte where the same Horse or Gelding shalbe shipped, before the shipping thereof, as by the same Acte and prouiso it doeth and may appeare. And although the same Acte and Statute in all partes therof (except the sayde prouiso) is very beneficiall and profitable for this Realme: Yet neuertheselle, by colour of the sayd prouiso and braunche conteyned in the sayd Statute, many euill disposed persons, of a couetous and greedy desyre, do dayly transport out of this Realme very great numbers of Horses and Geldinges, and do exchaunge and sell the same in the parties beyonde the Seas, for their owne priuate lucre and gayne. And because the triall of suche offences is by force of the saide prouiso and braunch, mentioned in the sayde Statute, no otherwise to be tried or iudged but onely by the othe of the offendoure him selfe: therefore the offendours therein do escape vnpunished, and therby many persons are greatly encouraged dayly to commit the lyke offences, contrary to the true meaning and intent of the sayd Statute.

For the redresse wherof: Be it enacted by the Quenes Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that all the saide prouiso and braunche before rehearsed and mentioned, and conteyned within the sayde Acte and Statute, and euery article and sentence conteyned within the sayde prouiso, shal from henceforth be repealed, made voyde, and of none effecte, and that all the residue of the saide Acte and Statute, shal stande, remayne, and be in full force and strength: Any thing herein specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

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## An Acte for the punishment of vagabounde calling themselues Egiptians.

### The .xx. Chapter.

WHERE as sithens the Acte made in the fyfte and seconde yeares of the late King and Queene, kinge Phillippe and Queene Mary, for the punishment of that false and subtile companye of vagabounde callinge them selues Egiptians, there is a scruple and doubt risen, whether suche persons as beynge borne within this Realme of England, or other the Quenes highnes dominions, and are or shall become of the felowshippe or company of the sayde vagabounde, by transformyng or disguisinge their selues in their apparell, or in a certaine counterfaite speache or behauour, are punishable by the saide Acte, in lyke maner as others of that sort are, being straungers borne, and transported into this Realme of Englande.

Therefore for thauoyding of all doubtes and ambiguities in that behalfe, and to thintent that all such sturdie and false vagabounde of that sort, liuinge onely vpon the spoyle of the symple people, may be condingely met withall and punished: Be it enacted by the Quene our soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authoritie of the same, that the saide Statute made in the first and second yeres of the said late king and Quene, concerning those vagabounde calling them selues Egiptians, shall continue, remaine, and be in full force, strength, and effect.

And yet moreouer, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, which from and after the fyrst day of May now next ensuing, shalbe seene or founde within this Realme of Englande or Wales, in any company or felowship of vagabounde, commonly called or calling them selues Egiptians, or counterfayting, transforming, or disguising them selues by their apparell, speache, or other behauour, lyke vnto suche vagabounde commonly called, or calling them selues Egiptians, and so shall or do continue and remaine in the same, eyther at one time or at seuerall times, by the space of one moneth: That then the same person or persons, shall by vertue of this Acte, be deemed and iudged a felon or felons, and shall therfore suffer paines of deathe, losse of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony by the order of the common lawes of this Realme, and shall vpon the triall of them or any of them therin, be tried in the Countie, and by the inhabi-

tauntes of the countie or place where they or be shalbe apprehended or taken, and not *per medietatem linguæ*, and shall lose the priuiledge and benefite of Sanctuary and Clergy.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte shall not in any wise extende to any childe or children being within thage of .xiiii. yeres, nor to any of the saide persons being in prison the laste daye of this present parliament, so that he or they so being in prison, do within .xiiii. daies nexte after his or their deliuery out of prison, either depart out of this Realme of Englande and Wales, or put him or them selues to some honest seruice, or exercise some lawefull worke, trade, or occupation, and vtterly forsake the sayde ydle and false trade, conuersation, and behauour of the sayde counterfait or disguised vagaboundes, commonly called or calling them selues Egiptians.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the saide Acte made in the firste and second yeres of the saide late king and Quene, shall not extende to compell any person or persons, borne within any the Quenes Maiesties dominions, to depart out of this Realme of England or Wales, but onely to constraine and binde them & euery of them to leaue their said naughtie, ydle, and vngodly lyfe and company, and to place them selues in some honest seruice, or to exercise them selues at home with their parentes, or els where honestlie, in some lawefull worke, trade, or occupation: Any thinge mentioned in the sayde former Act to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

## An Acte for the punishment of vnlawefull taking of Fyshe, Deare, or Hawkes.

### The .xvi. Chapter.

WHERE as well the Queenes Maiestie, and her most noble progenitours, as also the noble men, gentlemen, and diuers other persons of great dominions, Lordeshippes, manours, and possessions within this Realme haue of auncient and long time had, and many of them now of late, to their great costes and charges, for the necessary and better prouision & maintenaunce of their houshoides, haue erected and made in & vpon their seuerall demeanes, groundes & possessions, as well pooles, stanges, stewes, motes, pittes, or pondes, for the onely encrease of fyshe, and haue stored the same with Pikerell, Breame, Tenche, Carpe, and diuers other good kindes of fishe, for the necessary encrease of victuels, and for the better maintenaunce

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and prouision of their houses as is aforesaide, and also haue emparked, enuironed & enclosed many parcels of their said demeanes, soyles, groundes, and possessions, for the breeding, cherishing, and encrease, aswell of redde as falowe Deare, within their seuerall parkes and inclosures, for the causes afore declared, and also haue breeding within their woods & grounds diuers Eyries of hawkes of sundry kindes, to their great pleasure and commoditie. Yet neuertheles, the saide seuerall waters, groundes, parkes, and enclosures so being had, erected, and made, and also being so stored and replenished, haue bene from time to time by euill disposed persons, of a very euill, wilfull, and insolent disposition, and of malice and displeasure, not only by night time broken and entred into, but also the heddes or dammes of the said ponds, pooles, stanges, motes, stewes, or seuerall waters, haue den maliciously, wilfully, and vnlawfully cut out, and the pales, fences, and inclosures of the sayd parkes and grounds, broken, cast downe, & set open, and the fishe, Deare, and Hawkes within the same, taken, destroyed, carryed away, and stolen, not only to the great losse and damage of the owners therof, and to the smal encouragement of other good subiectes minding the carefull prouision of suche necessary victualles, but also to the manifeste emboldening of many like wilfull malefactours and malicious offendours, wherby many ryots, manslaughters, mischieues and other inconueniences haue bene daily perpetrated, and lyke to be committed and done, yf circumspect remedy be not herevnto prouided.

Be it therfore enacted by the Quenes Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons after the feast of Pentecost next cõming, shall at any tyme by day or by night, vnlawfully without authoritie, breake, cutte downe, cut out, or destroy any hedde or heddes, damme or dammes of any ponds, pooles, motes, stanges, stewes, or seuerall pyttes, wherin fyshe are, or shall happen to be put in or stored withall by the owners or possessioners therof, or do or shall wrongfully fyshe in any the saide seuerall ponds, pooles, motes, stanges, stewes, or vittes, to thintent to destroy, kyll, take, or steale away any of the same fyshe, against the will, minde, or pleasure of the owners or possessioners of the same; not hauing any lawfull tytle or authoritie so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicted, at the suite of our soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heyres, or successours, or the partie grieued, shal suffer imprisonment of his or their bodies by the space of three monethes, and shall yelde and pay to the partie grieued his treble damages, and after the said three monethes ex-

pired, shall finde sufficient surreties for his or their good abearing against the Quene our soueraigne Lady, her heyres & successours, and al her leige people, for the space of seuen yeres after, or els shall remaine and continue styll in prison, without bayle or mainprise, vntill such tyme as he or they so offending can and shall fynd suche sufficient sureties during the saide time and space of seuen yeres, as is aforesaide.

AND be it also enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any person or persons after the saide feaste of Pentecost next comming, at any time by night or by day, in maner aforesaid, wrongfully or vnlawfully breake or enter into any parke empaled, or any other seuerall grounde closed with walle, pale, or hedge, and vsed for the keping, breeding, and cherishing of Deare, and so wrongfully hunt, dryue, or chase out, or take, kyll or slea any Deare within any suche empaled Parke, or closed grounde, with walle, pale, or other inclosure, and vsed for Deare as is aforesayd, or do, or shal take away any Hawke or Hawkes, or the egges of any of them, by any wayes or meanes vnlawefullye, out of anye the woodes or ground of any person or persons (not hauing lawefull aucthoritie or licence so to do) and therof be lawfully conuicted at the suite of our soueraigne Lady the Quene, or the partie grieued as is aforesaide: shall likewise suffer imprisonment of his or their bodies by the space of three monethes, and shall yelde and paye to the partie grieued his treble damages. And after the saide three monethes expired, shall finde sufficient suerties for his or their good abearing, for the space of vii. yeres after, against the Quenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, and all her liege people, as is aforesaide, or els shall remaine and continue still in prison without bayle or mainprise, vntill such time as he or they so offending can and shall finde suche sufficient suerties during the said time of vii. yeres, as is afore rehearsed.

Prouided alwaies, that this Acte or any thing therein conteyned, extend not to any parke or inclosed grounde hereafter to be made and vsed for Deare, without the graunt or licence of our soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heyres, successours, or progenitours.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawful for the partie grieued to sue and take his further remedie agaynst all and euery such offendour and offendours for his losse and damages, and to recouer the treble value of the same in this behalfe, aswell before Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of Assise in their circuites, and Justices of the peace, as els where, in any other the Queenes courtes of Recorde, and that vpon the true satisfaction of the sayde treble damages to the

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partie grieued, or vpon the confession and knowlede thereof by the same partie, before the sayde Justices in open sessions to be holden within the Cointie where the offence was committed: it shalbe at the libertie of the same partie grieued, to whom the sayde offence was committed, to release at his pleasure the saide suertishippe of good abearing, at any time within the saide seuen yeres, or before: Any thing in this presente Acte before specified or expressed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of Assise in their circuites, and Justices of the peace and gaole deliuery, in their Sessions, shall by vertue hereof, haue power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare and determine all and singuler the offences aforesaide, and to make and awarde proces thervpon, aswell vpon inditementes taken before them, as by bil of complaint, information, or any other action, in which bille or action, no essoigne, wager of law nor protection shalde allowed.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, at anye time hereafter shall fortune to be bounde before any of the Justices before mentioned, to the Queene her heires or successours, for his or their good abearing for seuen yeres, according to the tenour of this Acte, and the same partie or parties so bounde, shall afterwardes within the saide seuen yeres come before the Justices of the peace of the saide Countie where the saide offence was committed, or some of them, in open Sessions, and there in the saide open Sessions confesse and acknowledge his or their saide offence or offences, and be sorye therefore, and satisfie the partie or parties grieued, according to the tenoure of this Acte: That then the same Justices before whom the saide confession shalbe so made, shall and may haue power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, in the same open Session, or in any other open Sessions afterwarde to be holden before the saide Justices in the saide Countie, within the saide terme of seuen yeres, if it shall seme good to their discretions, to discharge the saide Recognisance and bonde so taken, and also the said partie and parties so bounde. This Acte or any thing therin contained to the contrarye thereof, notwithstanding.

In Acte

## An Acte againſt the carrying of Shepe ſkinnes and Pelles ouer the Sea, not being Staple ware.

### The.xxii. Chapter.

FOR reformation of many griefes, lamentablye declared this preſent Parliamente, by diuers artificers of this Realme, worſking leather; It maye pleaſe youre roiall Maieſtie, that it may be enacted and eſtabliſhed with aſſent of this high court of Parliamente, that it ſhall not be lawefull to or for anye maner of perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, from and after the firſt day of May nert comming, to make any Pelles, that is to ſay, to pull, ſheare, clip, or take awaye the woll of any Shepeſkinne or Lambe ſkinne, or to bye any ſkin of any Stagge, Hinde, Bucke, Doe, Goate, Fawne, or kid, or the pelles or ſkinnes of any of them, vnleſſe ſuch perſon or perſons ſo making any pelles, or bying ſuch ſkinnes, as is aforeſaid, do make or cauſe to be made therof tawed or lawefullye tanned leather or parchment, or otherwiſe conuert the ſame into ſemittes, panels, or other their owne neceſſary vſes, vpon paine that euerye perſon ſo making pelles, or bying any of the ſkinnes or pelles aforeſaid, cõtrary to the meaning of this Act, ſhall forfaite and loſe the value of all ſuch pelles or ſkinnes ſo made and bought, and .ii.s.vi.d. for euery ſkinne or pelt ſo bought, or pelt ſo made, as is aforeſaid.

And be it further enacted, that it ſhall not be lawefull to or for any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, from & after the feaſt aforeſaid, to ſhip, or conuey, or cauſe, or procure to be ſhipped or conueyed, in or to any ſhippe, boate, or veſſell, in, or vpon the Sea, or in, or vpon any hauen, riuer, creke, or place, within this Realme of Englande and Wales, or either of them, any maner of Shepe ſkinnes, woolfels, morelinges, morelinges, or the ſkinnes of any ſtagge, hinde, bucke, doe, goate, fawne, or kid, or the pelles or ſkinnes of any of them, or the leather made of them or any of them, to thintent to tranſport or carry the ſame into any the partes beyond the Seas, there to be vttered, bartred, or ſold, by way of marchandiſe or otherwiſe, vpon paine of forfeiture of all ſuch ſkinnes or pelles, bought, laden, ſhipped or tranſported, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, or the value of them, & alſo .ii.s.vi.d. of lawfull money of Englande, for euery fell, morling, morling, pelt or ſkin aforeſaide, bought, laden, ſhipped or tranſported, contrary to the tenor and true meaning of this preſent Act. The moitie of all which forfaitures, ſhalbe to our ſoueraigne Lady the Quenes Maieſtie, her heires & ſucceſſours, & the other moitie to him or them that will ſue for the ſame, by action, bill, plaint, information, or otherwiſe, in any of the Quenes Maieſties courtes. In which action, no eſſoigne, protection, or iniunc-

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tion, shalbe admitted or alowed.

Prouided alwaies, that it shall and may be lawfull to the marchauntes of the Staple, the marchauntes of Newecastell vppon Tine, Hartlipoole, and Barwicke, their seruauntes, factours, and attorneys, & euery of them, to carrie and transport all such lawfull wares, as heretofore they haue ben accustomed & lawfully might: Any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

## An Acte for the due Execution of the Writte *de excomunicato capiendo.*

### The.xxiii. Chapter.

FOrasmuch as diuers persons offending in many great crimes and offences appertaining meerely to the iurisdiction and determinatiō of the Ecclesiastical courtes & Iudges of this realme, are many times vnpunished for lacke and want of the good & due execution of the writte *de excomunicato capiendo*, directed to the Sheriffe of any Countie for the taking & apprehending of such offenders. The great abuse wherof, as it should seme, hath growen for that the saide writte is not returnable in any courte that might haue the iudgemente of the well executing and seruing of the said writte, according to the contentes therof, but hitherto, haue bene left only to the discretion of the Sheriffes and their deputies, by whose negligences and defaultes, for the most part, the said writte is not executed vppon the offendour as it ought to be. By reason wherof, such offendours be gretly encoraged to continue their sinful and criminous life, much to ꝑ displeasure of almightie God, & to the great contempte of the Ecclesiasticall lawes of this Realme. Wherefore, for the redresse therof: be it enacted by the Quenes most excellent Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this ꝑsent parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that from & after the first day of May next comming, euery writ of *Excomunicato capiendo* that shalbe graunted and awarded out of the high courte of Chauncery, against anye person or persons within the Realme of England, shalbe made in the time of ꝑ Terme, & returnable before the Quenes highnes, her heires and successors, in the court cōmonly called the kinges Bench, in the terme next after the *Teste* of the same writ, & that the same writ shalbe made to conteine at the least .xx. daies betwene the *Teste* and the returne thereof. And after the same writ shalbe so made and sealed, that then the saide writ shalbe forthwith brought into the saide courte of the kinges Benche, and there in the ꝑsence of the Justices shalbe openedy and deliuered of Record to the Sheriffe or other officer to whom the

the seruing & execution thereof shall appertaine, or to his or their deputie or deputies. And if afterwardes it shall or may appeare to the Justices of the same Courte for the time beinge, that the same writ so deliuered of Record, be not duely returned before them at the day of the returne thereof, or that any other default or negligence hath ben vsed or had in the not well seruing & executing of the said writ: that then the Justices of the saide Courte, shall and may by aucthoritie of this Act, assesse such amerciament vpon the said Sheriffe or other officer in whom such default shall appere, as to the discretion of the said Justices shalbe thought mete and conuenient, which amerciament so assessed, shalbe estreated into the court of the Exchequer, as other amerciamentes hath bene vsed.

And be it further enacted by thauctheritie aforesaide, that the Sheriffe or other officer to whō suche writ of *Excommunicato capiendo* or other proces by vertue of this Act shalbe directed, shall not in anye wise be compelled to bring the body of such person or persons as shalbe named in the said writ or proces into the saide court of the kinges Bench, at the day of the returne therof: but shall onelye returne the same writ and proces thither, with declaration briefly how and in what maner he hath serued and executed the same, to thintent that therupō the said Justices may then further therein proceade, according to the tenor and effect of this presente Acte. And if the said Sheriffe or other officer to whom the execution of the said writ shall so appertaine, do or shall returne, that the partie or parties named in the said writ, can not be found within his Bailiwike: that then the said Justices of the kinges Benche for the time being, vpon euery such returne, shall awarde one writ of Capias, against the said person or persons named in the said writ of *Excommunicato capiendo*, returnable in the same Courte in the Terme time, two monethes at the least nerte after the *Teste* thereof, with a proclamation to be conteined within the said writ of Capias, that the Sheriffe or other officer to whom the saide writte shalbe directed in the full countie court, or els at the generall assises and Gaole deliuery to be holden within the same Countie, or at a quarter Sessions to be holden before the Justices of peace within the same countie, shall make open proclamation ten daies at the least before the returne, that the partie or parties named in the sayde writ, shall within .vi. daies nerte after suche proclamation, yelde his or their body or bodies to the gaole and prison of the said Sheriffe or other such officer, there to remaine as a prisoner according to the tenor and effect of the firste writte of *Excommunicato capiendo*, vpon paine of forfaiture of .x.li. And therupon after suche proclamation hadde, and the said .vi. daies past and expired, then the saide Sheriffe or other officer to whō such writ of *Capias* shalbe directed, shall make

make retourne of the same writ of *Capias* into the saide courte of the kinges Bench, of all that he hath done in the execution thereof, and whether the partie named in the said writte haue yelded his bodye to prison or not. And if vppon the retourne of the saide Sheriffe, it shall appere that the partie or parties named in the saide writte of *Capias*, or any of them, haue not yelded their bodies to the gaole and prison of the saide Sheriffe or other officer according to the effecte of the same proclamation: that then euery such person that so shall make default, shall for euerye suche defaulte forfaite to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successours, ten poundes, whiche shall likewise be extreated by the saide Justices, into the saide court of Exchequer, in such maner and fourme, as fines and amerciamentes there tared and assessed are vsed to be. And thereupon the saide Justices of the kinges Bench shall also awarde forth one other writte of *Capias* againste the person or persons that so shalbe retourned to haue made default, with suche like proclamation as was conteined in the first *Capias*, and a paine of.xx.li. to be mentioned in the saide seconde writ and proclamation. And the Sheriffe or other officer to whom the saide seconde writte of *Capias* shalbe so directed, shall serue and execute the same second writte in such like maner and fourme as before is expressed for the seruing and executing of the saide firste writte of *Capias*. And if the Sheriffe or other officer shal retourne vpon the said second *Capias*, that he hath made the proclamation according to the tenour and effecte of the same writte, and that the partie hath not yelded his bodye to prison, according to the tenoure of the saide proclamation: that then the saide partie that so shall make default, shall for such his contempte and default, forfait to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successoures, the summe of.xx.li. whiche saide summe of.xx.li. the saide Justices of the kinges Benche for the time beinge, shall likewise cause to be extreated into the saide court of Exchequer, in maner and fourme aforesaide. And then the saide Justices shall likewise awarde forth one other writ of *Capias* against the saide partie, with such like proclamation and paine of forfeiture as was conteined in the saide seconde writte of *Capias*. And the Sheriffe or other officer to whom the said third writ of Capias shal so be directed, shall serue and execute the said third writ of Capias in suche like maner and fourme, as before in this Acte is expressed and declared for the seruing & executing of the said first & second writs of Capias. And if the Sheriffe or other officer to whom therecution of ỹ said third writte shal appertaine, do make returne of the said third writte of *Capias*, that ỹ partie vpon such proclamatiō hath not yelded his body to prison according to the tenor therof: that then euery such partie

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for euery such contempt and default, shall likewise forfaite to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, other .xx.li. which summe of .xx.li. shall likewise be extreated into the saide Courte of the Exchequer in maner and fourme aforesaide, and therevpon the saide Justices of the kinges Benche shall likewise awarde forth one writ of Capias against the said partie, with like proclamation and like paine of forfeiture of .xx.li. And that also the saide Justices shall haue aucthoritie by this Acte, infinitely to awarde suche proces of Capias, with such like proclamation & paine of forfeiture of .xx.li. as is before limitted, against the saide partie that so shall make default, in yelding of his body to the prison of the Sheriffe, vntill such time as by returne of some of the saide writtes before the saide Justices, it shal and may appere that the said partie hath yelded him selfe to the custodie of the said Sheriffe or other officer, according to the tenor of the said proclamation, and that the partie vpon euery default & contempt by him made against the proclamation of any of the saide writtes so infinitelye to be awarded against him, shal incurre like paine and forfaiture of .xx.li. which shal likewise be estreated in maner and fourme aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that when any person or persons shall yelde his or their bodie or bodies to the handes of the Sheriffe or other officer, vpon any of the said writs of Capias: that then the same partie or parties that shall so yelde them selues, shall remaine in the prison and custodie of the saide Sheriffe or other officer, without bayle, baston, or mainepryse, in such like maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as he or they should or ought to haue done if he or they had bene apprehended and taken vpon the saide writ of *Excommunicato capiendo*.

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And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that if anye Sheriffe or other officer, by whom the said writ of Capias, or anye of them, shalbe returned as is aforesaide, doo make an vntrue returne vpon any of the saide writtes, that the partie named in the saide writ hath not yelded his body, vpon the saide proclamations, or any of them, where in dede the partie did yelde him selfe according to the effect of the same: That then euery suche Sheriffe or other officer for euery such false and vntrue returne, shall forfeite to the partie grieued and dampnified by the said returne, the summe of .xl.li. For the which summe of .xl.li. the said partie grieued shall haue his recouery and due remedye by action of debte, bill, plaint, or information, in any of the Quenes courtes of Record, in whiche action, bill, plaint, or information, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or alowed for the partie defendaunt.

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others hauing auctoritie to certifie any person excommunicated, like auctoritie to accept & receaue the submission and satisfaction of the saide person excommunicated, in maner and forme heretofore vsed, and him to absolue and releale, and the same to signifie, as heretofore it hath bene accustomed, to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires, and succeſſours, into the high court of Chauncery, and thereupon to haue ſued writtes for the deliuerance of the ſaid person, ſo abſolued and releaſed from the Sheriffes cuſtody or priſon, as heretofore they or any of them had, or of right ought or might haue had: Any thing in this preſent Statute ſpecified or contayned to the contrary hereof, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, that in Wales, the Counties palatines of Lancaſter, Cheſter, Durham, and Elei, and in the Cinque portes, being iuriſdictions and places exempt, where the Quenes Maieſties writte doth not runne, and proces of *Capias* from thence not returnable into the ſaide Courte of the kinges Benche, after any *Significauit* being of recorde in the ſayde Court of Chauncery, the tenour of ſuch *Significauit* by *Mittimus* ſhalbe ſent to ſuch of the head officers of the ſaide countrie of Wales, Counties palatines and places exempt, within whoſe offices, charge, or iuriſdiction the offendours ſhalbe reſiaunt, that is to ſay, to the Chauncelour or Chamberlayne for the ſaide Countie palatine of Lancaſter and Cheſter, and for the Cinque portes, to the Lord Warden of the ſame, and for Wales and Eley, and the Countie palatine of Durham, to the chiefe Juſtice or Juſtices there. And thereupon euery of the ſayde Juſtices and officers to who ſuch tenour of *Significauit* with *Mittimus* ſhalbe directed and deliuered, ſhall by vertue of this eſtatute haue power and auctoritie to make like proces to the inferiour officer and officers, to whom the execution of proces there doth appertayne, returnable before the Juſtices there at their next Seſſion or Courtes, two monethes at the leaſt after the *Teſte* of euery ſuch proces. So alwaies, as in euery degree they that proceade in their Seſſions and Courtes againſt the offendours, as the Juſtices of the ſaide Court of Kinges Benche, are limited by the tenour of this acte, in Terme times to do and execute.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted, that any perſon at the tyme of any proces of *Capias* afore mentioned, awarded being in priſon or out of this Realme in the parties beyonde the Sea, or within age, or of *non ſane memorie*, or women couert, ſhall not incurre any of the paynes or forfaitures afore mentioned, which ſhall growe by any retourne or default happening, during ſuche time of nonage, impriſonment, beyng beyonde the Sea, or *non ſane memorie*. And that by vertue of this eſtatute, the partie greued may pleade euery ſuch

cause or matter in barre of and vpon the distresse or other proces that shalbe made for leuying of any of the saide paynes or forfaytures. And that if thoffendour against whom any suche writte of *Excommunicato capiendo* shalbe awarded, shal not in the same writte of *Excommunicato capiendo* haue a sufficiente and lawfull addition, according to the fourme of the estatute of *primo* of Henry the. v. in cases of certaine suites, wherupon proces of erigent are to be awarded. Or if in the *significauit* it be not conteyned that the excommunication doeth procede vpon some cause or contempt of some originall matter of heresie, or refusing to haue his or their childe baptised, or to receaue the holy Communion as it is nowe commonly vsed to be receaued in the churche of Englande, or to come to diuine seruice nowe commonly vsed in the sayde Churche of Englande, or errour in matters of religion, or doctrine nowe receaued and allowed in the saide Churche of Englande, incontinencie, vsurie, simonie, periurie in the Ecclesiasticall courte, or Idolatrie: That then all and euery paynes and forfaitures limitted against suche persones excommunicate by this estatute by reason of such writte of *Excommunicato capiendo* wanting sufficient additiō, or of such *Significauit* wanting all suche causes after mentioned, shalbe vtterly voyde in lawe, and by way of plea to be alowed to the partie grieued. And if the addition shalbe with a *nuper* of the place: Then in euery suche case, at the awarding of the first *Capias*, with proclamation according to the fourme afore mentioned, one writte of proclamation (without any payne expressed) shalbe awarded into the Countie where the offendour shalbe most commonly resiant at the time of the awarding of the saide firste *Capias*, with paine in the same writte of proclamation, to be retournable the daye of the retourne of the saide first *Capias* with payne, and proclamation therevpon at some one suche tyme and courte, as is prescribed for the proclamation vpon the sayde fyrst *Capias* with paine. And if suche proclamation be not made in the Countie where thoffendour shalbe moost commonly resiaunt, in suche cases of additions of *nuper*: That then such offendour shall sustaine no payne or forfaiture by vertue of this estatute, for not yelding his or her bodye, accordinge to the tenour afore mentioned: Any thing before specified to the contrary herof, in any wise notwithstanding.

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# An Acte for the reuiuing of a Statute made Anno xviii. H. viii. touching the repayring of Gaoles.

## The. xviii. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament begon & holden at London the third day of November in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of the late king Henry the eyght, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by prorogation vntil the .xb. day of Januarye, in the .xviii. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henry the. viii. there was then in that Session of Parliament one Act and statute made and established for the making of Gaoles in diuers Shyres of this Realme, which Acte was then made to continue and endure for one yere next after the end of the same Parliament, as by the same Acte more plainely appeareth. And wher also the said Act and Statute at diuers Parliamentes holden and kept after the making therof, in the time of the said late king Henry the eight, was continued & kept in full force & strength vntil the death of the sayde late king, as by the same Actes of continuaunce more plainely may appeare. And where in the Parliament begon & holden at Westminster the .v. day of October, in the first yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Lady Quene Mary, & ther vpon prorogation continued and kept vnto the first day of December then next following, the said Act and Statute, and all clauses and sentences therein conteyned, was then made to continue and endure vntil the end of .vi. yeres, next ensuing the ende of the same Parliament, as by the sayd Acte more plainely both appeare.

And forasmuch as the said Act for the making of Gaoles, made in the said. xviii. yere of the reigne of the said late kinge Henry the eight, is very good and profitable for the common wealthe of this Realme: Be it therfore enacted and established by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide Acte for making of Gaoles and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same conteined, shall continue and endure in ful force and effect, and be obserued & kept in all thinges vnto thende and tearme of ten yeres next ensuing the last day of this present Parliament.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of peace of euery of the Shires named and expressed in the saide Acte, or the most part of the said Justices of peace in euery of the saide Shires, within the limits of their Commission, shall haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, at all time and times

within the sayd tearme of ten yeares, to do, make, and execute, and cause to be done, made, and executed, all and every suche Acte and Actes, thing and thinges requisite for the making and building of the sayde Gaoles, as they or any of them might or ought at any time haue done by vertue of the saide Acte made in the saide .xxiii. yere of the saide late king Henry the eyght.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace of the counties of Penbroke, Glamorgan Cardigan, Radnor, and Mountgomery in Wales, or the most part of them, resiaunt within euery of the saide Counties, and all suche Surueiours, Collectours, and other persons to whom thexecution of the saide firste recited statute doth or may apperteine, shall haue such and like power and authoritie to do and execute al and euery suche thing and thinges, for and concerning the building and new making of Gaoles, as the Justices of peace and other persons before mentioned of any of the Counties, contained in the said first recited statute haue in that behalfe. And that also the moost part of the Justices of the peace, resiaunt within any the Counties specified in the said first recited statute, shall and may do and execute all and euery thing and thinges mentioned in the said first recited statute, touching or concerning the said Gaoles: Any doubt or ambiguitie heretofore had or moued, or hereafter to be had or moued, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that thinhabitauntes of any of the Counties specified in the saide firste recited Acte, or in any of the saide Counties of Wales, shall not be charged, by force hereof or of the said first recited Act, to beare or sustein any costes or charges for the building repayring, or newe making of any Gaole or Gaoles, where any other person or persons, bodie politique or corporate ought by lawe, prescription, or by any other good or lawfull waies or meanes, to builde, make, or repayre the same.

## An Acte to fill vp Iuries *de circumstantibus* lacking in Wales.

### The .xxv. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde king Henry the eight, father to our moste deare Soueraigne Lady the Quenes Maiestie that nowe is, one holsom and profitable Act and estatute amonges other was then established and enacted, intituled by the

by the name of an Acte, concerning the apparaunce of Jurers in *Nisi prius*, where amonges other thinges in the Acte, it was estab-lished, that where a ful Jury returned betwixt partie and partie, did not appeare before the Justices of Assise or *Nisi prius*, or els after apparaunce of a full Jury by chalenge of any of the parties, the Jury was like to remaine vntaken for default of Jurours, that the same Justices vpon request made by the partie plaintife or demaundant should haue auctoritie by vertue of the same Act, to commaũd the Sheriffe, or other Minister or Ministers, to whom the making of the said returne should apperteine, to name & appoint, as often as nede should require, so many of such other hable persons of the said Countie, then present at the said assise or *Nisi prius*, as should make vp a full Jury, which persons so to be named and impanelled by suche Sheriffe, or other minister or ministers, should be added to the for-mer panell, & their names annexed to the same, & further as in the same Act more plainely may appeare. Which saide beneficiall acte doth not extend into the .xii. Shires of Wales, ne to the Countie Palatine of Chester, nor to the Countie palatine of Lancaster, nor to the Countie palatine of Durhã, by reason wherof many Juries remaine vntaken betwixt the parties, what for lacke of apparens of Jurers, and some because of chalenges, to the great hinderance of Justice, and great expences and charges to the parties.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soue-raigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same: that in euery of the Shires of Wales, that is to say, Penbroke, Karmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknock, Radnor, Glamorgan, Moũtgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Meriometh, Inglesei Carnetuan and in the Countie palatine of Chester, and in the said Countie Palatine of Durham, and in the said Countie palatine of Lancaster, wher a ful Jury shal not appeare before the Justices of the great Session in any of the said Shires or Countie palatines or their deputies there, or els after apparaũce of a ful Jury, by chal-ledge of any of the parties the Jurie is like to remaine vntaken, for default of Jurours: that thẽ the same Justices, in euery of the said Shires, & Countie Palatines for the time being, or their deputie or deputies, vpon request made by the partie plaintife or demaun-daunt, shal haue ful auctoritie by vertue of this act, to commaund the Sheriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the said Returne shall apperteine, to name and appoint, as often as nede shall require, so many of such other able persons of the said Counties then present at the saide great Session, as shall make vp a full Jury, which persons so to be named and impannelled, by

ſuch Sheriffe or other Miniſter or Miniſters, ſhalbe added to the former panell, & their names annexed to the ſame. And that euery of the parties ſhal & may haue his or their chalenge to the Iurours ſonamed, added and annexed to the ſaid former panel, by the ſaid Sheriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, in ſuch wiſe as if they had ben impanelled vpon the *venire facias*, awarded to trie the ſaide iſſue. And that the ſaid Iuſtices and euery of them, and their deputie or deputies, ſhall and may proceade to the triall of euery ſuche Iſſue with thoſe perſons that wer before impanelled and retourned, and with thoſe newly added & annexed to the ſaid former panel, by vertue of this act, in ſuch wiſe as they might or ought to haue done, if al the ſaid Iurours had ben retourned vpon the writ of *venire facias*, awarded to trie the ſaide iſſue. And that all and euery ſuche triall had, ſhalbe as good and effectual in the law to al intentes, conſtructions & purpoſes, as if ſuche triall had ben had & tried by .xii. of the Iurours impanelled & retourned vpon the writ of *venire facias* awarded to trie ſuch iſſue. And in caſe ſuch perſons as the ſaid Sheriffe miniſter or miniſters, ſhall name and appoint as is aforeſaide, or any of them, after they ſhalbe called, be preſent, and do not appere, or after his or their appearaunce, do wilfully withdraw him or thē ſelues frō the preſence of the Court: that then ſuch Iuſtices or their deputies, ſhall & may ſet ſuche fyne vpon euery ſuche Iurour making default or wilfully withdrawing him ſelfe as aforeſaide, as they ſhal thinke good by their diſcretions, the ſaide fine to be leuied in ſuch maner and fourme as iſſues forfaited and loſte by Iurours for default of their apperaunce, as is prouided by the lawe and cuſtome of the ſaid Countreis of Wales, and Counties Palatines aforeſaide, where ſuche iſſues are forfaited.

And be it further enacted by thauctheritie aforeſaid, that where any Iury that ſhalbe retourned by the Sheriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, ſhalbe made full, by the commaundement of the ſaide Iuſtices, or their deputies, by vertue of this preſent Acte, that yet neuertheleſſe ſuch perſons as were retourned in the ſaid panell, by the Sheriffe, or other miniſter or miniſters, to trie any ſuche iſſue, that ſhall not appeare, but make default, ſhall loſe the iſſues vpon them retourned, in ſuch wiſe as though the ſame Iury had remained for defaulte of Iurours.

Prouided alwaies, & be it further enacted, that vpon a reaſonable excuſe, for the default of apperaunce of any Iurour or Iurours ſufficiently proued before the Iuſtices of the great Seſſions, or their deputies in the countries and Counties Palatines aforeſaid at the day of their appearaunce, by the othes of two lawefull and honeſt witneſſes, that the ſame Iuſtices ſhall haue auctheritie by

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their discretions to discharge euery such Jurour of euery such forfaiture of issues vpon him retourned, and that the said Sheriffe or Sheriffes, or other Minister or Ministers hauing commaundement by the said Justices to omit the retourning of such issues, as is aforesaid, vpon such Jurour or Jurours, shalbe therein discharged of the penalties aforesaid, for the non returninge of the saide Issues, and that yet notwithstanding the saide returne to be good and effectuall in the lawe: Any lawe, vsage, ordinaunce, or custome to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if the said Justices, or their deputies, afore whom any suche Jurye should appeare in the Shires or Counties Palatines where such issue is to be tried, do not come at the day & place appointed: that then euery one of the same Jurours shalbe discharged, for forfayting of any Issues vpon him retourned in the same writ. And the Sheriffe or other Minister or Ministers, shalbe likewise discharged of the penalties of this estatute, for the non returning of suche Jssues, as are before limitted in this Acte: Any article or sentence herein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if vpon any such writte of *habeas corpora* or *distringas* issues be retourned vpon any hundredours, Jurour or Jurours, by the Sheriffe or other minister or ministers, to whō the execution of the same writ or writs shall appertaine, where as the same hundredours & Jurours shal not be lawfully somoned, warned, or distreined in that behalf: that thē euery such sheriffe or other minister or ministers aforesaid, shall lose for euery suche offence so cōmitted, double so much as the said Jssues retourned vpō such hundredours or Jurours not lawfully somoned, warned or distreined, shall amount vnto, the moitie of al which forfaitures cōteined in this present Acte, other then the issues to be retourned vpon the Jurours as is aforesaid, shalbe to the Quene our soueraigne Lady, her heires & successours, and the other halfe, to him that will sue for the same, by action of debte, bill, plainte, or information, in the Quene her graces great Court, within the saide Countie where suche forfeiture shall happen to be, before the saide Justices, his or their deputie or deputies, in whiche no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection shalbe allowed ne admitted. Sauing to all maner of persons, and bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, hauing lawefull right, title and interest to haue suche issues to be before anye suche Justices or their deputies, at any time or times hereafter lost and forfaited, all such right, title and interest, as they or anye of them should or ought to haue had to such Jssues to be lost and forfeited,

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as though this Acte had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided also that this Acte nor any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende to anye Citie or towne corporate, or to anye Shiriffe, minister or ministres in the same, for the retourne of any inquest or panell, to be made and retourned of persons inhabiting in the said Cities or townes corporate, but that they and euerye of them, shall and maye retourne suche persons in euery such inquest or panell, as before this time they might and haue ben accustomed to do, & as if this Acte had neuer ben had or made, so that the same Shiriffe, minister or ministers retourne vppon suche persons as shalbe impanelled, suche and reasonable Iurors, as they ought to retourne, any thinge in the same conteined to the contrarye notwithstanding.

## ¶ An Acte for the confirmation of a Subsedy graunted by the Clergie.

### ¶ The.xxix. Chapter.

WHere the Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Caunterburie haue most louingly and liberally for certaine considerations, geuen and graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, a Subsedye of fiue shillinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of al and singuler the spirituall Promotions within the same prouince, during the tearme of three yeres, nowe next ensuing, in such certaine maner and fourme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified & conteined in a certain instrument by them therof made and deliuered to the Quenes highnes, vnder the Seale of the most reuerend father in God Mathewe nowe Archbishoppe of Caunterbury, and Primat of all Englande, which instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour wherof ensueth in these wordes:

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The Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Caunterburye, being lawefully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or synode, callinge to their remembraunce the greate and manifolde benefites whiche they haue manye and sundrye wayes receaued of your Maiesties moste gracious bountifulnes, principally for the setting forth and aduauncinge of Gods holye worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolishing all forraine power cõtrary to the same. Considering also the great debtes wherewith thimperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almightie God firste to call your highnes to the gouernance of the same. And further, wayinge the greate and intollerable charges wherewith your Maiestie of late hath bene burdened, in the repairing and furnishing of youre Maiesties Nauie, and prouision of armour and munitions, moste necessarye and requisite for the defence and safegarde of this Realme, whereof the same at the beginning of your highnes reigne was voyde and destitute. And finallye, ponderinge the inestimable charges sustained by youre highnes, aswell of late daies, in reducing the Realme of Scotlande to vnitie and concorde, as also in procuring as muche as in your highnesse lieth, by all kinde of godlye and prudente meanes, the abating of all hostilitie and persecution within the Realme of Fraunce, practised and vsed against the professours of Gods holye Gospell and true religion, and in defending and preseruinge this your highnes Realme and natural Subiectes, in Christian peace and tranquillitie, against all assaultes of forraine ennemies hytherto, duringe all the time of youre moste gracious and happye reigne.

In consideration of the premisses, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes and mindes towarde youre Maiestie, with one vniforme agremente, accorde, and consente, together with moofte hartie good will, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presents do geue and graunt to your highnes, your heires and successours, one Subsidie in maner and fourme folowinge. That is to saye: That euerye Archbishoppe Bishoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarye, Prouoste, Maister of Colledges, Maister of Hospitalles, Parson, Vicar, and euerye other person and persons of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, enioying anye Spirituall promotion or other Temporall possessions to the same Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided or separated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise from the possession of the Clergie, shall paye to your highnes, your heyres, and successours, for euery pounde that he maye yerely dispende by

reason of the saide Spirituall promotion, the summe of sixe shillinges.

And for the true and certaine value of the saide promotions, and euerye of theim, whereof the paimente shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, remayninge of Recorde in your Maiesties Courte of Exchequer for the true payment of the perpetuall Disme, concerninge all suche promotions as be in possession of the Clergie, or any other not deuided by Acte of Parliamente, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Clergie, shalbe folowed and obserued without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the saide Recorde is comprised.

Prouided alwaies, that forasmuche as the tenth parte of the saide valuation and rate before mentioned, is yearelye payde to your highnes for the perpetuall Disme, so as there remaineth onelye nine partes of the incumbent clere: This Subsidie of .vi. shillinges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and ment only in the same nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies, that no person that is alreadie promoted to any Spirituall benefite or promotion, sithens the laste daye of September laste paste, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to anye Spirituall benefice or promotion on this side the laste daye of September, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God a Thousande, fiue Hundred, sixtie and fiue, by reason whereof they be, shall or maye be charged to the paiment of the firste fruites, shall be contributorie or charged to your highnes, your heires, or successours, with any parte of this Subsidie, during the firste yeare of his saide promotion.

AND your saide Prelates and Clergie also do graunt, that this Subsidie of sixe shillinges the pounde, of the yearelye value of euerye promotion tared as is aforesayde, shalbe paide to youre Maiestie, your heires, or successours, within three yeares nexte ensuinge the date hereof. That is to saye, two shillinges of euerye pounde in euery of the saide three yeares. The firste paymente thereof, to be due at the laste daye of September nexte ensuing, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God a Thousande, fiue Hundreth sixtie and three. And the seconde paimente thereof to be due at the laste daye of September then nexte folowinge, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God a Thousand, fiue Hundreth, sixtie and foure. And the thirde paimente thereof to be due in the sayde laste daye of September then nexte folowinge, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God a Thousand, fiue hundred, sixtie and fiue,

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and to be deliuered and paide yerely by suche persone and persons as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde highe Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the time being, or to suche person or persons, and in suche place or places as shall please your highnes to appoint, to be paide at or before the xiiii. daye of January in euery of the saide three yeares, without paying any thing to the Receauour or Receauers, or to anye other officers or persons to be assigned for the receipte thereof, for any discharge or *Quietus est* vpon any paimente and receipte of the saide Subsidie to be geuen and deliuered, but oneiye. iii. s. iiii. d. for the generall and finall acquittaunce or *Quietus est* for euery yeares paiment.

Item we your saide graces Prelates and Clergie also doe graunt, that euery Priest and all other Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pencion by the reason of the dissolution of any the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappelles, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes and Hospitalles, or of any other spirituall dignitie or corporation nowe dissolued within the saide prouince of Caunterbury, shall likewise paie to youre highnesse your heires and successoures. vi. shillinges of euerye pounde of the saide Pencions within the saide three yeres, of suche dates and times as is before specified. And that for the sure payemente thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde sixe shillinges, shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pencions after the rate and proportion of two shillinges the pounde, euery of the said three yeares, to be deliuered and paide by your highnesse Receauours and officers deputed for the paiment of suche Pencions, vnto your Maiesties vse, as suche time and to suche persons as the Subsedie of. vi. shillinges of the pounde aforesaide, shalbe paide vnto.

Item your saide Prelates and Clergie do graunt, that euery Priest or Minister Stipendarye, receauing annuall Stipende of eighte poundes by the yeare and vnder, beinge no perpetuitie within the saide Prouince, shall paye vnto the vse of youre highnesse, youre heires and successoures, sixe shillinges and eyghte pence in euerye of the saide three yeares, at suche time and to suche persones as the saide Subsedie shalbe paide, and vnder the same penalties as the reste of the Clergie do paye for their promotions.

And that euery Priest receauing Stipende aboue eight poundes yearely, and not aboue tenne poundes, to paye likewise tenne shillinges,

shillinges. And that euerye Priest receauinge stipende aboue tenne poundes, and not aboue thirtene poundes, xiii shillinges and eight pence, to paye thirtene shillinges and four pence yerelye during the said three yeares, at such time and to suche persons as the saide Subsidie shalbe paide. And that euerye Priest receauinge stipende aboue thirtene pound sixe shillinges and eighte pence, to paye likewise. xii. d. of the pounde euerye yeare duringe the sayde three yeares. And for defaulte or lacke of paimente of the saide stipendaries, that euery parson, Vicar, or other Spirituall or Temporall person, proprietarie, or Fermour, hiring any Priest or Minister to serue in anye place, shalbe aunswerable for the paimente of the saide Priest or Minister in that behalfe, after the saide rates, and shall and maye make retention of his and their wages quarterlye, of so muche as the saide Stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the saide three yeares.

Item your saide Prelates and Clergie further do graunt, that euery Archebishoppe and Bishoppe, and the See beinge voide, euery Deane and Chapiter of that See voide, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper diocese, duringe the saide three yeares, other then of the pencioners aforesaide. And the saide Archbishoppe, Bishoppe, or other Collectoures, and the See being voide, the Deane and Chapiter shall certifie into youre Maisties courte of the Exchequer, vnder their seales, the names and surnames of all suche Stipendarie Priestes and Ministers, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the. xviii. day of Januarye yerelye, during the said three yeares.

And for the better recouery of the saide Subsidye, youre saide Prelates and Clergie most humblye beseche youre highnes, that euery Collectour of the saide Subsidie, and of euerye parte and parcell thereof, and their lawefull Deputie or Deputies, maye haue full power and authoritie by your Maiestie, and your high courte of Parliament, to vse all such waies, meanes, and proceste, as be prescribed in your Acte of perpetuall Disme, for the Collection and leuying of the same, and shall make accompte thereof before the Lorde highe Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the time being, or any other officers by youre highnesse to be appointed for the same, and in suche place as youre Maiestie likewise shall assigne, in suche wise and after suche fourme onelye as the saide Archebishoppe and Bishoppes be nowe charged for the collection of the perpetuall Disme, whereby is meante howe the lache and defaulte of paimente of and for anye perticuler promotion, shall onelye charge the Incumbente, and suche as

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be bounde to paye the same, and that vpon suche paines as be prouided in that Acte of Parliament of perpetuall Wisme, againste them that make defaulte in that behalfe, at, or vppon the dayes of payment before expressed.

And that the Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapiter, gathering that which they can receaue, and making payment therof, shall for the reste not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificate to be made before the .xxiiii. day of January in euery of the saide three yeres, vnto your highnes court of Exchequer. And fyue pence of euery pounde wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompte, clerely to be paide into the saide receipte (or into suche other place as shall please youre highnes to appointe) shalbe alowed to the saide Collectour for his saide accompt for the same, for the charges and collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the saide Subsidie.

Also your saide Prelates and Clergie do further moste humbly beseche your highnes, that it maye be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie, and your high Court of Parliament, that where diuers Cyrates liable to this Subsidye, beinge often times remouable, do serue aswell in diuers Impropriations belongyng to your Maiestie, as in other impropriations and other Spirituall promotions belonging to other persons, that for the spedie recouery of the sayde Subsidie, it may be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the saide Subsidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the saide Subsidie vpon the Fermour or Fermours, and occupiers of all suche Impropriation or Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, by all Censures of the Churche, and euerye of them, or by waye of distresse, of the tithes of the saide Impropriation or Impropriations, or otherwise vpon the goods and cattels of the saide Fermour or Fermours occuppyers, in whiche no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other proces awarded to the contrary shalbe obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuiledges or customes to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, graunted, or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted, or vsed, to the contrarye, in anye wise notwithstanding. And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours and the officers and ministers of suche Archbishoppe, Bishoppe, or Deane and Chapiter, for not payment at anye time of the saide three yeres aboue saide, to praise and value the saide distresse, or distresses, by two indifferent neighbours by him to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praised, to sell, and therof to detaine so much money as shall amount to the summe paiable to your highnes, with the charges of the saide Collectour in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the saide distresse, to be deliuered and

paide to the owner or occupier thereof. And that euerye Archebi-
shop and Bishop, or Deane and Chapiter of euery See vacaunt,
and other persons chargeable to and with the collectio of the Sub-
sedie of sixe shillinges the pounde, within the saide prouince of Can-
terburie, maye haue vpon euerye paimente thereof, made to the
Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England for the
time being, or to such person or persons, place and places, to whome,
and where it shall please your highnes to appointe for the receipte
therof, in, or at the .xiii. day of January in euerye of the saide thre
yeres, a sufficient acquittaunce in writing, of the saide Lorde highe
Treasourer or vnder Treasourer, or suche persons as your highe-
nes shall assigne for the receipte therof: the same acquittaunce, wit-
nessing the receipt of as much of the same summe of the saide Sub-
sedy as shalbe so receaued. And euery suche acquittaunce in wry-
ting sealed and subscribed, with the name or names of the saide
Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer for the time beynge,
or of suche other person or persons as it shall please your highnes
to appoint for the same receipt, as is aforesaide, maye be good and
effectuall in the lawe, and also sufficient discharge to all intentes,
constructions and purposes. And that euerye person and persons
which shall haue and receaue any such acquitaunce, shall paye but
only .iii.s.iiii.d. to the Clarke for the writing of the same.

Prouided alwaies, that euery Incumbent making suche de-
fault of paiment, after certificate of euery such default made, and
exhibited into your Maiesties court of Exchequer, shall forfait and
lose only that his benefice or promotion for whiche he maketh de-
fault, and for the same shall incurre no other forfaiture, losse, do-
mage, paine, or penaltie: Any other paine, clause, article, or condi-
tion in the saide Statute of perpetuall Disme to the contrary not
withstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that no Spiritual promotion, or any landes,
possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, beinge charged by
this graunt or Acte of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goodes,
or catteles, growing, being, or renuing of the same, or appertay-
ninge to the owners of the saide Spirituall promotion, shalbe
charged or made contributorye to any fiftene or Tenth, or anye
other Subsedye alreadye graunted to your highnes by the laitie,
or hereafter to be graunted duringe the tearme of the saide three
yeres.

Item your said Prelates and Clergie further graunte, that all
Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Preachers, and Prebendaries,
of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches within the sayde pro-
uince, shalbe charged with this Subsedie for their owne promo-

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tions onely, therof to paye .vi. shillinges of the pounde, within the sayde three yeres, as is aboue rehearsed. And that those porcions of rentes, reuenues, and spirituall promotions, whiche haue bene geuen or impropried vnto the saide Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches, or any of them, by your highnes or any your highnes noble progenitours, or any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, or were, for the yearely maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemaisters, Ushers, Grammarians, Peticamons, Vicars Choral, and Readers of diuinitie, Choristers, and all other necessary and dayly officers and ministers of such Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsedye.

Prouided also, that euery person, Vicar or other spiritual person paying any pention, wherof non allowaunce is made in the valuation of this saide promotion or benefice, shall and may retaine .ii.s. of euery pound of euery suche pention, euery yere during the saide three yeares, to his owne releife, in consideration that he is charged to paye this Subsedie of .vi. shillinges of the pound, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided also, that where certaine landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentions, porcions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places Ecclesiasticall within the saide prouince of Cantorbury, which were geuen and assigned to be bestowed and spente to and on the fynding and maintenaunce of certaine Chaunteries, Annuersaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late king of famous memorie King Edward the syxt, by force of a Statute therof made in the fyrst yere of his gratious reigne, as by the saide Statute more plainely appeareth: That the said Cathedrall Churches, and the Deanes, or Presidentes and Chapitours of the same, and all other places and persones, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses, or any of them, bidde lately appertayne, shall not be charged to and with any contribution or payment of this Subsedie, of, and for that parte or portion wherevnto the said late king was entituled or possessed of, nor of and for any of the saide yerely payementes, going out or payde out of the premisses, or any part therof: But that this sayde Subsedie shalbe vnderstanded to be chargeable and due onely of all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentions, porcions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, whiche doo yet still remayne not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons aforesaid,

And that deduction and allowaūce be made to them, and euery of them, in the payment of the said Subsedie, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the saide perpetuall Disme, remayning of Recorde in your highnes court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion, or yerely payment, which came to the handes and possession of the saide late Kinge Edwarde the fyrte, or otherwise seuered from the possessions of the saide Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesaide, by force of the Statute premised.

Prouided alwaies, that this Subsedie graunted by the Clergie shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or Colledge, scituate or set within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, or of any benefice or other reuenues, vnto the saide vniuersities or eyther of them, or to any house of studentes, or Colledge in the same vnited, appropried, or appertayning, or of the Colledges of Windsor, or Eaten nighe Windsor, or of the Colledge called saint Mary Colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometime Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hospitals or Grammer scooles, or of any other Church or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said vniuersities, houses, Colledges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Scooles, or to any of them annexed, appropriated, or otherwise appertayning.

Prouided alwaies, that all Parsons, and Vicars, whose benefices be of the valuation of fyue poundes or vnder, after the rate of the perpetuall Tenth, shall not be charged or chargeable with this Subsedy, or any part therof.

Prouided also that euery priest, and all other late Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing a pention by Reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chauntries, Fraternities Guyldes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporations, within the prouince of Cantorbury, or any of them, and being of the summe of xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to this said Subsedy, or any part therof, for any such pention of xl.s. or vnder: Any thing conteyned in this graunt, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the true & sure payment of this subsedy graūted by your said prelates and clergie of the prouince of Cantorbury, according to the tenour, purport, effect & true meaning of this present graūt: your said Prelates and Clergie, most humbly desyre your highnes that this their said gift, graunt & subsedy, and euery matter, sum of money, clause, prouisions & sentences in this instrument conteyned, concerning the said subsedy, may be ratified, established & confirmed by auctoritie of this your highnes courte of Parliament.

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Wherefore, for the true and iuste payment of the sayde Subsidye, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Clargie of the saide prouince of Cantorbury, according to the tenor, effecte, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Quenes Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayde gifte and graunte, and euery matter, summe of money, prouision, clause, and sentence in the said instrument conteyned, may be ratified, stablished, and confirmed by the authoritie aforesaide.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaide, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidie, shall haue full power and authoritie to leuie, take, and receiue the same Subsidie by thauthoritie of the Censures of the Churche, in maner and forme, as in the sayde instrument of graunt is conteined, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vpon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes chargeable by the saide instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise, by the discretion of the Collectour therof. And that no *Repeal, Prohibition, or Supersedeas* shalbe allowed or obeied, for any person or persons, making default of payment of the sayde Subsidy contrary to the tenour of the graunte therof, vntill suche time as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery such fermour and fermours, their executours, and assignes (that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidye or any parte thereof) shall by thauthoritie aforesaide be alowed and retaine in his handes as much of his yerely rente and ferme, as the summe which he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leassour, shall extende vnto: Excepte the sayde fermour or fermours, their executours and assignes, by the Leasse and graunt that they haue of any parte of the landes, tythes, profites and tenementes, chargeable to this saide Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunte or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to pay the same, & therof to discharge their Leassour and Landelorde, during the tearme mentioned in the said Leasse.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, that euery laie person hauing a spirituall promition, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing temporall possessions, goodes, catteles and debtes, chargeable to the Subsedye graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie: shalbe

charged, taxed, and sette, for his saide Spirituall promotion with the Clergie, and for his Temporall possessions and cattelles, with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise: Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Quenes Maiestie by the Clargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, and effect in all thinges, as the saide graunt made by the saide prouince of Cantorbury, and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordinge to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and fourme as though it were specially, plainely, and perticulerly expressed and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all prouisos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunt of the Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Cantorburye, and the like of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the Prelates and Clargie of the prouince of Yorke shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kepte in euery point and article, according to the true purport and meaning of the same.

# An Acte of the Queenes Maieſties moſt gracious generall and free Pardon.

## The. xxvi. Chapter.

THE Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, perceauing the good willes and faithfull hearties of her louing and obedient ſubiectes at all times towards her highnes, for the good gouernaunce and defence of this her realme, and doubting that the ſame her obediēt ſubiects haue many and ſundry waies fallen into the daūger of diuers penalties and forfaitures, by the lawes and Statutes of this realme: hath thought mete to extend her clemencie, and pitie towardes her ſaide louing and obedient ſubiectes, with her liberal and free pardon, according to her Princely and Kingly power, and thereby to diſcharge ſome parte of ſuch great paynes, penalties, and forfaitures, wherewith her ſaid ſubiectes ſtand now burdened and charged, truſting, aſſuredly that they will continue in their due obedience and faithfulnes towards her Maieſtie, and hereafter in ſuch ſort obey the good lawes and Statutes of this Realme, and ſpecially ſuch as in this ſeſſion of Parliament are deuided, as to them and euery of them, of right and duetie appertaineth. And therfore her Maieſtie is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme following.

That is to ſaye, that all and euery of her ſaid Subiectes (aſwell Spirituall as temporall) of this her highnes realme of England, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, the Towne of Barwicke, and Newe hauen in Normandie, their heyres, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them, and euery of them. And all and ſinguler bodies in any maner of wiſe compoſed, Cities, Boroughes, Shyres, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlettes, and Tythinges, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhalbe by authoritie of this preſent parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged, againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her

heyres, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of all maner of Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Offences, Contemptes, Alienations, Trespaces, Intrucions, Entrees, Wronges, Receiptes, Misdemeanours, Forfaitures, Penalties, and Perilles, summes of money, Paynes of death, Paynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally, of al other thinges, causes, quarrels, suites, iudgements and executions, in this present Act hereafter not excepted nor forepriſed, which may be, or can be, by her highnes in any wise, or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the firste day of January in this present fyft yere of her most gracious reigne, to euery or any of her said subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Cythinges, or any of them.

And also the Queenes highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctheritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of her sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and against all things, which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forepriſed, as the same pardon should haue ben, if al offences contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarrels, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forepriſed) had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and playnely named, rehearsed, and specified: and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite, to haue ben put in, and expriſed in this present Act of free pardon. And that her said Subiectes, nor any of them, nor their heyres executours, or administratours of any of them, nor of the said bodies corporate, and others before named, nor any of them, be nor shall be sued, vexed, or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespas, offence, or any other thing suffred, done or committed before the said firſt day of January, against her highnes, her Crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe or statutes: But onely for such matters, causes, and offences, as be playnely rehearsed in the exceptions in this present acte, hereafter mentioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vsages, or vsidentheretofore had, made, or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the Quenes highnes of her bountenus liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth & freely geueth to euery of her laide subiectes, & to euery of the said bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, al goods, cattels, debtes, fines,

fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money, by anye of them forfeited, which to her highnes do or should belonge or appertaine, by reason of anye offence, contempte, trespas, entree, mis demeanour, matter, cause, or quarel, suffered, done, or committed by theim or anye of theim, before the sayde firste daye of Januarye, whiche be not hereafter plainelye forprised and excepted in this present Acte. And that al and euery the Quenes said Subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, maye by him or them selfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or attourneys, accordinge to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon, for his or their discharge, of, and for euerye thinge that is by vertue of this presente Acte pardoned, discharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee or other thinge in anye wise paying to anye person or persons, for writinge or entree of the iudgement, or other cause concerninge suche plee, writinge, or entree, but onelye .xvi. pence to be payed to the officer or Clarke that shall enter the plee, matter, or iudgemente for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any Statute, vsage, or custome to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauctholitie of this presente Parliamente, that her saide free pardon, by the generall woordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of Courtes of her highnes, and els where, aswell in the woordes and clauses of the exceptions and forprises specified in this presente Acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, woordes, and sentences mentioned and rehearsed in the saide free pardon, moste beneficiallye and auaileablye to all and singuler her saide subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euerye of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge againste her highnes, her heires, successours, and executours, in euerye thinge, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladye, her heires, successoures, or executoures, or by her or any of their generall attourney or attourneys, or by anye person or persons for her highnes, or any of her heires, successours, or executours.

And further, it is enacted by the Quene our soueraigne Ladye, & by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any officer or Clarke of any of her highnes Courtes, commonly called the kinges Bench, Chauncery, & comon place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer

officer or Clarke of any other of her Courtes within this Realme, at any time after the .xxvi. day of this presente moneth of Aprill, make out or write out any maner of writtes or other proces, or any extreates, sommons, or other preceptes, whereby anye of the saide Subiectes, or anye of the saide bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in anye wise arrested, attached, distreigned, sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or grieued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or catteles, or in any of them, for or bicause of any maner thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or if anye Sheriffe or Excheatour, or anye of their deputie or deputies, or any Bailiffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwaies, after the saide .xxvi. daye of Aprill, do leuye, receaue, or take anye thinge pardoned or discharged by this Act: That then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully condempned, shal yelde and paye for recompence therof to the partie so grieued or offended, treble damages, besides al costes of the suite, and neuertheles, all and singuler suche writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpō any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this presente Acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voide, & of none effecte.

Except and alwaies foreprised out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of highe Treasons committed or done by any person or persons, by anye couerte dede or acte, againste the Quenes moste royall person, and all conspiracies, and confederacies traiterously had, committed, or done by any person or persons againste the Queenes person. And also excepted, all and all maner of Treasons, committed or done by anye person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in anye other place oute of the Quenes dominions. And all suites, punishementes, executions, paines of death, forfaitures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also (except and foreprised out of this free pardon) all and all maner of forging and counterfaitinge of whatsoeuer money or coyne curraunt in this Realme, and all and all maner of offences, impetitions, punishementes, forfaitures, paines of death, iudgementes, and executions for the same. And also excepted and foreprised out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery piracie and robberye done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntarye murders, and wilfull poisoninges, and all and euerye burgularye in anye dwelling house, and al and euerye robberye done vpon anye person or persons in any dwelling house and houses in the daye time, and all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the highe waye, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries of, or to

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any of the saide offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauishementes of women. All wilfull escapes (aswell) of Traitoures and Felons (as also) of Clarkes attrinted. And also excepted oute of this generall and free pardon, all persons attainted, or outelawed for any treason, murther, robberye, or burgularye. And also (excepted) all and euery maner of taking from the Quene of anye goodes issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites of anye manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of anye Traitoure, Murderer, Felon, Clarke or Clarkes, being persons attainted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrutions, had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our soueraigne Lady the Quene, and the taking of anye the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of oure sayde soueraigne Lady, and also al suites and impeticions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in anye of the Quenes Wardes landes, or in the Wardes landes of anye of the Queenes Committes. And also al and euerye fine and fines, for the single and double value of the mariage or mariages of al and euery the Quenes wardes, at any time growen to the Quenes Maiestie or any her noble progenitours. And also al and euery consealement of any Custome or Subsedy. And all and singuler accomptes of all and euery Collectour and Collectours of anye Subsedie, Fiftene, Beneuolence, Mise, or Contribution. And of euerye other person wharsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes highnes, or to her most noble father King Henry the eighte, or to Kinge Edward the sixt, or Quene Mary, or to any of them, and the heires executours, and administratours of euery such accomptaunt. And all and singuler arrerages of accomptes, and all impeticions, suites, demaundes, and executions for the same. And also (excepte) all inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandrye, and the conuerting of any lande from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrarye to the fourme and effecte of anye Statute or Statutes heretofore made. And excepted and foreprised out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, taxed, set, extreated, or entred, seuerallye or perticulerlye, touching and concerning any one person, or mo persons iointlye extendinge to the summe of. vi. poundes, or aboue. And yet neuerthelesse, all and singuler other fines (aswell) fines *pro licencia concordandi* (as other) set, taxed, entred, or extreated, and all other issues and amerciamentes (aswell reall as other) which seuerallye or perticulerly extende not to the summe of. vi. poundes, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Sheriffe, or not

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taken to his charge, executed or not executed, or whether they be turned into debte or not turned into debte, and not beinge letted nor resisted by anye Sheriffe or Sheriffes, Bailiffes, ministers or other officers to the Quenes Maiesties vse shalbe fullye, clearely, & plainly pardoned and discharged against the Quenes our soueraigne Ladye, her heires and successours for euer, by this present Acte of free pardon. And also exempted and foreprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler monies and other officers, minters, or workemen of, or for anye of the Quenes mintes, within this Realme or any other her dominions, and all impetitions and punishmentes for the same. And also excepted and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, all trespasses and wrongfull takinge and withholdinge from the Quenes Wardes, or Wardes landes, at anye time common or growen to the Quenes handes, and not yet discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of *Quare impedit* and all homages, reliefes and reliefes, Rentes services, Rentes charges, Rentes seches, & the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Quenes highnes. And also excepted, all summes of monye graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, or to any her noble progenitours, by waye or meanes of Subsidye, fiftene, Benevolence or Contribution, or by anye of the same wayes or meanes. And also all debtes which were, or be due to our soueraigne Lady the Quene, or to the most noble kinge of famous memorye Kynge Henry the seuenth, or to Kinge Henrye the eyght, Kinge Edwarde the firt, or to the late Quene Mary, or to any person or persons to any of their vses, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation or otherwise, other then such as are due vpon anye obligation or recognisaunce forfaited before the firste daye of Januarye for none appearaunce in any court or other place, or for not kepinge of the peace, or not being of good behauiour. And also, excepted & forprised out of this pardon, all & singuler those forfaitures being due or accrewed to our soueraigne Lady the Quene by any penaltie of any Statute or Statutes, whiche forfeitures be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by the agrement of the offendour or offendours, or els whereof there is any verdict past for the Quene. And also (excepted) all forfeitures and other penalties and profites growen or due to the Quene by reason of any offence, contempt, or other Acte, badde, suffred, committed or done contrary to any Statute or Statutes, or contrary to the common law, whereof anye information is geuen in the Quenes Exchequer or into the Kinges Bench, or whereof the Quenes highnes by her bill signed, or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or assigne-

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ment to any person or persons. And also excepted and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons as the tenth daye of this present moneth of Aprill, be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsea, or in the Fleete, and all persons put to execution before the said tenth day of Aprill.

And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forginge or counterfaiting of any false dedes, escriptes or writinges.

And also excepted all penalties, forfaitures, and titles of condition accrewed or growen to the Quenes Maiestie by reason of the breache or not performing of any couenaunt or condition.

And also excepted oute of this generall and free pardon, all and euery such person and persons which haue heretofore fled oute of this Realme of England, or any other the Quenes dominions for any offence of high treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason.

And also excepted oute of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touching or concerning the carrying, sending, or conueying ouer the Seas, or out of this Realme, of any golde, siluer, Jewels, or anye coine of golde or siluer, contrarye to the lawes or Statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the quenes licence.

And also excepte, all such persons as be fled and gone oute of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, with out the Quenes Maiesties licence. And also all suche persons as haue obteined and had licence to departe the Realme for a tyme, and nowe do abide out of the Realme, without any lawefull excuse after the time of their licence expired.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, whiche haue tendered and ought to sue liuery out of oure saide soueraigne Ladye the Quenes handes, of or to anye manoures, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his or their liuerye and liueries out of oure saide soueraigne Ladye the Quenes handes, of his or their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme as they and euerye of them should and ought to haue done if this Acte hadde neuer bene had ne made: Any article, thing or thinges in this presente Acte of generall and free pardon, comprised and specified to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that in case it be obiected to, or against any Sheriffe or Sheriffes, or other accomptantes, in the Quenes court of Exchequer, or in anye other her courtes, that anye Sheriffe or Sheriffes or other officers, accomptantes haue receaued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, as by this presente Acte be pardoned and acquited: that

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then euery ſuch Sheriffe & Sheriffes, and other accomptauntes, ſhalbe diſcharged and acquited therof, by his or their owne corporall othe, to be miniſtred and taken openlye before the Barons in the ſayde courte of Exchequer, or before the Juſtices in any other courte, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaye that this preſent acte of free pardon, nor anye thing therein conteined, in any wiſe extende to diſcharge, remitte or acquite any perſon or perſons, for any ſuch iſſues, fines, or amerciamentes, as any Sheriffe heretofore haue accompted for before the Barons of the Quenes Exchequer, or els where, and paide the ſame iſſues, fines, and amerciamentes, vpon his or their ſaide accompte, determined to the Quenes vſe, and hath his or their Quietus eſt for the ſame.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that it ſhalbe lawefull to all and euery Clarke and other officer of any the Quenes Courtes, to awarde and make writtes of *Capias vt legatum* at the ſuite of the partie plaintife, againſte ſuche perſons outlawed as be pardoned by this Acte, to thintent to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes to make aunſwere to the plaintiffe or plaintiffes, at whoſe ſuite he or they were outlawed. And that euery perſon ſo outlawed, ſhal ſue a writ of *Sciere facias* againſt the partie or parties at whoſe ſuite he or they wer ſo outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe ſhalbe alowed to him that ſoo is outlawed.

God ſaue the Quene.

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